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TRO stops govt from issuing casino license

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REPORTER

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman issued yesterday a temporary restraining order that stops Gov. Eloy S. Inos, the CNMI government, the Commonwealth Lottery Commission, and the Finance secretary from either denying or approving a casino license.

Wiseman issued the order after casino license applicant Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc. filed yesterday a lawsuit and requested a TRO, saying it will be irreparably harmed if the TRO is not issued pending the resolution of its case.

The TRO expires on June 29, 2014, at noon unless the court extends it.

Wiseman will hear Marianas Stars' motion for an injunction on July 1, 2014.

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US Senate OKs extension of E-2C, asylum bar, H visa cap exemption

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REPORTER

The U.S. Senate passed by unanimous consent on Wednesday night (Thursday, CNMI time) a bill extending up to 2019 not only the CNMI-only investor visa program but also the islands' exemptions from accepting asylum applicants and from the H visa cap. These policies would have

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HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
The Lottery Commission, led by chair Sixto Igisomar, center, announces at the beginning of their 2pm meeting yesterday that they are not deciding yet whether to grant or not—and to whom—a license to exclusively develop a minimum \$2-billion integrated casino resort on Saipan.

No casino decision even before TRO

» **Marianas Stars, Best Sunshine still in the running for casino license**

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Even before yesterday's issuance of a temporary restraining order on any casino license application approval or denial, the Lottery Commission already announced at the beginning of their 2pm

meeting that they don't have a decision yet to grant an exclusive license to develop a minimum \$2-billion integrated casino resort on Saipan to anyone. That's because the commission received only a "preliminary report" from its consultants and still has some "house-keeping" matters to do.

The commission has until about July

1 "or" whenever the investigations into the applications have been completed based on Public Law 18-43, despite previous government statements of a June 19 deadline to decide.

Lottery Commission chair Sixto Igisomar clarified that as of yesterday, both Best Sunshine International Ltd. and

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Inos meets with CHCC board

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* that he recently met with members of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board of trustees.

Without elaborating on the details of the closed-door dialogue, the governor said it looks like a resolution is forthcoming on the many issues besetting the corporation.

"I met with the board of trustees...and it looks like we will resolve the many issues raised [between and among the board and management]," Inos told *Saipan Tribune*.

He cited the hiring of chief financial officer Jack Taisague at CHCC as among the important developments at the corporation. Taisague was hired on June 2.

"[With the] hiring of a new

CFO, hopefully that will give us clarity on the many issues that have been raised [in the corporation's finances]," said the governor.

Inos also noted that the recent release of a \$3-million line of credit from the Marianas Public Land Trust would provide relief to some of the immediate and critical needs of the hospital.

In a separate interview yesterday, CHCC board chair Joaquin Torres confirmed the board's meeting with the governor. During the meeting, the governor heard the concerns of the board, he said.

"The board has concerns. The governor listened to our concerns and he seems to understand the issues. From this discussion, we're hoping for a positive result," said Torres, who declined to elaborate on the particulars of the meeting agenda when asked.

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Article 12 petition drive far from getting 8K signatures

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REPORTER

A non-profit group called the Citizens for Change of Article XII is far from reaching the required 8,000-plus signatures to be able to place a question in the November ballot whether people want to amend the NMI

Constitution provision that restricts ownership of land to persons of Northern Marianas descent.

Vince Seman, chairman of CCART 12, said yesterday they have not yet submitted their petition to the Office of the Attorney General “as we have not yet collected the 8,000 signatures

needed for a popular initiative.”

“We continue to gather signatures until we get the required number. Honestly, we don’t think we will get enough signatures in time for this November’s election, but we will keep trying until we do as we believe many NMDs need relief and that it’s the right thing to do,”

Seman told *Saipan Tribune*.

CCART 12 is leading a popular initiative that proposes a constitutional amendment for the CNMI people to vote to amend Article 12 and allow land owners to elect to restrict the alienation of their own land.

The group said by signing the petition, a person is not vot-

ing yes or no on Article 12, but is only asking that Article 12 question be put on the ballot for all voters to vote on in the election. To sign the petition, contact Cathy Cepeda at csablan-cepada@gmail.com.

Other CCART 12 members said the group will try again in the

next elections if they are unable to place it on the ballot this year.

Some lawmakers also tried to move Article 12 legislative initiatives but were unsuccessful. The latest was on May 6 when the House of Representatives, by a vote of 14-2, killed House Legislative Initiative 18-4.

DECISION

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Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc.’s applications are still under review.

Officials and consultants from both Marianas Stars and Best Sunshine were at the commission meeting.

It was Marianas Stars that requested a court TRO, but its officials didn’t say anything during the Lottery Commission meeting’s public comment period that they were in the process of seeking a TRO. Igisomar repeatedly said at the beginning of the meeting there was no decision to be made.

Meanwhile, the “preliminary report” that the Lottery Commission got from the consultants was inconclusive and does not yet rank which one has a better application or who is more suitable to be granted a

license between Marianas Stars and Best Sunshine.

Besides Igisomar, the three other commissioners present were Finance Secretary Larisa Larson, Deputy Attorney General Gil Birnbrich, and Department of Public Safety’s Capt. Pete Leon Guerrero. Their counsels were also present.

“I assure you and the public, the entire CNMI, that we will not be making any decision unless we are firm in our given task. And we’ll cross our T’s and dot our I’s and there are items that we’ve discussed in the past within this commission and our intention is to make sure that we have a checklist within this commission to make sure that we go over that checklist and make sure we verify that every possible item that we’ve discussed in the past are in place...” Igisomar said at the beginning of the meeting.

However, during the commission’s executive session, Marianas Stars counsel Sean Frink tried to talk to commission counsel Jim Stump with documents in his hands.

Moments later on Capital Hill, it was learned that Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman issued a TRO stopping Gov. Eloy S. Inos and the CNMI government from either denying or approving any casino license.

Wiseman issued the order after Marianas Stars requested a TRO, claiming that it will be irreparably harmed if such order is not issued pending a resolution of its lawsuit.

The TRO, along with two lawsuits and referendum petitions, could further push back the entire Saipan casino license application process.

Retirees are supposed to receive their deferred 25 percent pension from the \$30 million

advance casino license from a winning casino license applicant, and so do active government employees waiting for payment of the interest earned on their retirement contributions withdrawn last year.

Public Law 18-43, signed on April 1, states that the Lottery Commission must act to deny or approve applications “within 90 days after this Act is signed into law or when the requirements of Section 208 have been completed.”

Section 208 covers the investigations of the applicants; in this case, Best Sunshine and Marianas Stars.

Saipan voters twice rejected legalizing casino gaming on the island; the last one was in 2007. The Senate also killed in one way or another at least four Saipan casino bills from the House, but passed the latest one early this year without public hearings or committee report.

the Chinese government.

Currently, China is a lucrative tourism market for the CNMI under the visa-waiver program since 2009.

The asylum exemption extension provision in S. 1237 may be important to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s decision to allow tourists from China to enter the Marianas, said Sablan.

“Chinese tourism has been growing very quickly over the last five years during which the U.S. controlled the borders,” Sablan said. He added that the bar on asylum may or may not be key to that growth “but the safest policy is to leave everything in place, no change in current law. It’s working; let’s not ‘fix’ it.”

The delegate also said S. 1237 addresses his concern that U.S. workers are not being trained quickly enough to take over jobs now held by CW workers.

“Employers pay \$150 per year for each CW worker they hire; and that money goes into a training fund for U.S. workers—something like \$1.5 million last year alone. I think employers—and more importantly the public—need to see how that money is being used. We need to see the results,” he said.

The language he drafted in S. 1237 requires the CNMI government to submit a plan of expenditure to the U.S. Labor Department each year. The plan has to say not just who gets the money and how it will be spent, but also how many U.S. workers are expected to get jobs after they receive their training.

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expired in 2014.

It also extends the CW program, more than two weeks since U.S. Labor Secretary Thomas Perez used his administrative power for such extension, allowing the CNMI continued access to some 10,000 foreign workers up to 2019.

S. 1237 or the Omnibus Territories Act now goes to the U.S. House of Representatives which, a few weeks ago, had one of its committees approved a standalone bill that also extends the same programs covered in S. 1237.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), along with other territorial delegates, drafted and introduced the original omnibus territories bill, H.R. 2200, last year.

The companion bill, S. 1237, was introduced in the Senate at these territorial delegates’ request.

“This is very good news. ... The bill has been on the ‘hotline’ for several weeks. Any one senator can stop the bill. So we have been watching very closely,” Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* in a phone interview.

James Han, one of the 261 holders of E-2C investor visas in the CNMI, said last night he hopes that at least one of the bills will become law before any of the CNMI-only investors’ visas expires.

E-2C is a CNMI-only foreign investor program that is set to

expire after Dec. 31, 2014.

“Some businesses’ E-2C visas are already expiring in July and August. Will USCIS [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services] still process their renewal? What if USCIS does not process right away? What will happen to their businesses? And will it also be up to Dec. 31, 2014? The government should do something fast,” Han told *Saipan Tribune*.

As of yesterday, there’s no telling when any of three bills extending these programs important to the CNMI will reach President Barack Obama’s desk for action.

4 policies

S. 1237 extends through 2019 four policies in the Consolidated Natural Resources Act, the U.S. law that placed CNMI immigration under federal control.

These four pertain to the 1) CW program, 2) the CNMI and Guam’s exemption from the national limit on the number of H visas, 3) extension of a foreign investor visa program originally created by the CNMI government, and 4) continuation of a bar on claims of political asylum in the CNMI.

Sablan, in a statement, said the U.S. Labor secretary’s use of his administrative power to extend the CW program “confirmed that there is strong justification for keeping the CW program in place for another five years.”

“But the other three policies can only continue if Congress acts. Now, the Senate has; so

we have our work cut out in the House,” Sablan said.

The delegate also pointed out that the bill “tightens up rules for how funds are used to train U.S. workers in the Northern Marianas,” referring to the \$150 CW fee that CNMI employers pay for every foreign worker they hire.

S. 1237 also contains nine other policy provisions that apply to some or all of the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Marianas Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Sablan thanked U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and Lisa Murkowski for introducing S. 1237 in the Senate last year, and to their staff, “who have been fielding questions and succeeded in getting the bill past the finish line [Wednesday] night.”

“I am also very grateful to Sen. Marjorie Heins, the new chair of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, who recognized the importance of this bill to all the territories and kept it moving after she took over the Committee from Sen. Wyden.”

Asylum

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, like Sablan, has been requesting an extension beyond 2014 of the CNMI’s exemption from accepting asylum applications. They are particularly concerned that tourists from China that come here without U.S. visas could later apply for asylum, drawing concerns not only from the U.S. government but also

NOTABLES

Hye Won Kwon named to Wheaton College Dean’s List

WHEATON, IL—Wheaton College (Ill.) student Hye Won Kwon of Saipan was named to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2014 semester. Dean’s List honors are earned at Wheaton by undergraduate students who carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on the 4.0 scale. For more information, visit wheaton.edu. (PR)

Xiao Mei Su makes spring Dean’s List at SUNY New Paltz

NEW PALTZ, NY—SUNY New Paltz proudly congratulates Xiao Mei Su, a resident of Saipan, MP, for being named to the spring 2014 Dean’s List. Su’s major is Digital Media Program and Mgmt. Dean’s List designation is reserved for students who excel academically and earn at least a 3.3 grade point average in a semester with a full-time course load. (PR)

TRO

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In granting the TRO, Wiseman required Marianas Stars to submit a \$1,000 cash bond before noon on June 23, 2014.

The judge said Marianas Stars has demonstrated to a certain extent the probability of success on the merits of its lawsuit and related claims. It was also reportedly demonstrated that the TRO will not injure the ability of Inos, the Lottery Commission, Finance secretary, and the CNMI government to issue a casino license if the TRO is issued in error as an injunction hearing can be set and heard ahead of the Lottery Commission’s July 1 deadline to issue a casino license.

In its request for TRO, Marianas Stars, through counsel Sean E. Frink, claims that it will be irreparably harmed if the TRO is not issued because the Lottery Commission’s issuance of a casino license before July 1, 2014, will constitute an illegal act.

Frink said this is because the license cannot be issued without the participation of the Casino Commission, which does not exist yet because no commissioners have been approved to serve.

Frink said if a license is issued, the CNMI government is preparing to immediately issue several checks to retirees to make the license issuance an act that effectively cannot be rescinded, even if patently illegal.

This, the lawyer said, will deprive his client of any meaningful ability to challenge the Lottery Commission’s alleged illegal license issuance.

In granting the TRO, Wiseman said Star Marianas’ claims appear to be founded in fact and the law.

In Star Marianas’ petition for administrative appeal, taxpayer’s action, and complaint, Frink argued that the Lottery Commission has been hopelessly compromised in its independent decision making.

He said the Lottery Commission, despite having been warned that it is breaking the law by spending Casino Commission monies and usurping Casino Commission authority, continues in its race to illegally issue a casino license to Best Sunshine International Ltd., the entity “which was apparently preordained to have the casino license issued to it even before the casino law was passed.”

Frink said that Lottery Commission members are aware of the significant evidence that indicates that in order to force the passage of the casino law, agents of people from Hong Kong and Macau who wanted a Saipan casino license illegally provided benefits to at least four CNMI senators in order to cause them to support the passage of the casino law.

“Yet, the Lottery Commission refuses to investigate Best Sunshine and its principals and agents in order to determine whether such allegations are true and whether Best Sunshine or persons affiliated with its team are responsible,” Frink said.

The lawyer added that if such allegations were to be proved true, Best Sunshine would not qualify for the issuance of a casino license, yet the Lottery Commission is turning a blind eye to the allegations by intentionally not investigating them.

Frink asked the court to enter an injunction before the TRO’s expiration, stopping the defendants from issuing a casino license unless and until all aspects of the casino law are first complied with, such as the Casino Commission’s required involvement in the applicant investigation and the issuance of regulations.

Marianas Stars Entertainment and Best Sunshine International are both seeking an exclusive Saipan casino resort developer license. Each has already submitted a \$1 million nonrefundable application fee, a completed application, a business plan, and a \$30-million refundable deposit.

Man in fake marriage gets 3-year probation sentence

The federal court has imposed a three-year probation sentence on Jesse Juan Teigita Dowai, a man who pleaded guilty to charges related to a sham marriage.

At a sentencing hearing on Wednesday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered Dowai to perform 50 hours of community service and participate in a substance abuse treatment program during his probation.

Dowai was required to pay \$100 in court assessment fee no later than June 27, 2014.

Assistant U.S. attorney Ross Naughton recommended the low end of the sentencing guidelines, which is a probation term.

Attorney Robert T. Torres, counsel for Dowai, recommended a non-jail sentence and probation.

Torres said the only reason Dowai resorted to his criminal conduct was because of the enticement of money and the idea of helping Xiaoying Tang, a Chinese national, extend her work permit. Dowai and Tang got married at the Legislative Building on Capitol Hill on Sept. 3, 2009.

The lawyer said that Shahadat Hossain, a Bangladeshi national, approached Dowai and persuaded him to marry Tang in order to extend her work permit. Torres said Dowai agreed because Hossain promised to pay him \$500.

Torres said Dowai had a change of heart and wanted to make the marriage work, but learned that Tang was actually Hossain's girlfriend.

Nonetheless, Torres said, Dowai has accepted responsibility for his conduct and acknowledged that he exercised poor judgment and should have known better.

Torres also disclosed that Dowai has a history of alco-

hol and drug abuse and that it would be beneficial for him to participate in a substance abuse treatment program.

The indictment charged Tang and Dowai with conspiracy to commit visa fraud and to defraud the U.S., visa fraud, and false document.

Last Dec. 30, Dowai pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit visa fraud and to defraud the U.S. The U.S. government agreed to drop the remaining charges.

Last Monday, Hossain pleaded guilty to a separate indictment charging him with false statement. He will be sentenced on Oct. 24, 2014.

Last month, the federal

court slapped a two-year probation sentence against Tang. She was ordered to report to an immigration official for immediate deportation. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



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SENATE, HOUSE PUTC PANELS APPEAL TO UTILITIES BOARD

Recall sought on rate hike petition

The Senate and House of Representatives yesterday appealed to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board to recall with finality its rate hike petition currently awaiting approval of the utilities commission.

Senate Public Utilities Transportation and Communications committee chair Sen. Pete Reyes (RI-Saipan) and House PUTC panel head Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) jointly addressed the CUC board yesterday to urge the body to pull out the rate case before the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission.

Docket No. 13-01 has been with the CPUC since July 2013. It is a rate case petition comprising various components of

which some have been adjudicated and acted on this year.

Reyes pointed out that it is only fitting that, as the decision-making body of the agency, its board has the final say on whether there's a need to petition for rate adjustment or not.

"These petitions were done prior to establishing this board and now that you have a quorum, I respectfully request that the board recall these proposals and have them fully reviewed first," said Reyes, adding that the rate case was presented by CUC's administrative officials only, without the CUC board's formal approval.

CPUC had earlier approved

the increase in electric base rate and portions of the non-revenue rates recommended for certain customers. These two are part of the Docket No. 13-01 that was filed in July last year. Among the items remaining in the docket and awaiting approval from the commission are 11 non-revenue rates.

Reyes and Deleon Guerrero said the "recall" is specifically requested for all items not yet adjudicated by CPUC.

According to the lawmakers, rate increases or news of potential rate hikes create panic in everyone, including the Legislature.

"If we can do something to

reduce the rates, let's do it," said Reyes, reminding the board that action to reduce the service cost and action to improve service delivery translates to revenue increases for CUC.

CUC board chair David Sablan Jr. told the PUTC panel heads that the board would certainly consider the lawmakers' appeal.

"I would ask our management if we can pull back some of those things not yet adjudicated by CPUC and give us some briefing so we can understand what was sent in July last year because it could be different now [since the petition was filed]," said Sablan.

Sablan admitted that since the CUC board was revived, it has been bombarded with criticisms as a result of the rate hike proposal that was endorsed prior to board's reinstatement. He specifically cited complaints about the "very high" fees recommended for non-revenue rates. NRRs are isolated fees for specific customers.

He noted that, because of disagreements within the board, CUC was able to withdraw the controversial standby charge earlier proposed for large customers, which was also part of the same docket case.

Despite the receptiveness

Sablan expressed on the lawmakers' recall request, the board, however, did not vote yesterday whether or not the remaining petition will be recalled or not.

CPUC consultant

CPUC's consultant, Georgetown Consulting Services, was lambasted again yesterday by the CUC board chairman and PUTC committee chairpersons for two reasons: the "high" rate it charges CUC and the long period it takes to review a rate case.

Sablan vowed yesterday that the board would stop this practice of paying the commission consultant exorbitant fees for a simple rate case from a small utility like CUC.

"I can tell you, they're not worth the money," he told the board, citing his experience in Guam. Sablan is a former GPA board chairman.

From July 2013 to the present, Sablan said, CUC's rate petition has been on the CPUC table for one year. He also disclosed approximately \$500,000 in expenses that CUC incurred in a typical rate case with Georgetown.

Sablan hinted yesterday that changes will soon be seen in this regard. He cited the issuance of RFPs for a rate reviewer who would charge a more reasonable fee.

Besides Georgetown, CUC's rate consultant economists.com also came under criticism from Sen. Reyes.

Having both Georgetown and economists.com charging CUC for consultancy services "is like Abramoff all over again," according to the lawmaker.

Besides the recall request, the board was also urged by the PUTC panel chiefs to use Rota as the pilot project for alternative energy to lower utility cost and eliminate the subsidy being provided by Saipan to customers on the island.

Sen. Reyes also urged the removal of "electric service charge on water" for Rota as generators are not actually being used there.

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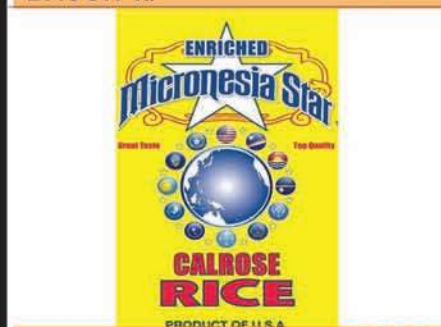
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Youth between the ages of 14 and 16 years old are also eligible to register to become a Ridge to Reef Mentor. During a two-day training session on Aug. 14 and 15, 2014, teens will have the opportunity to work alongside park rangers, snorkel, engage in discussions about conservation, and gain a greater awareness of the importance of stewardship for our community. From Aug. 18 to 22, Ridge to Reef Mentors will serve as camp leaders for younger campers, promote water safety, and be positive role models.

Be a part of this exciting free educational program that encourages youth to tune their senses to the outdoors at their national park!

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 20, 2006

Fund board retains lawyer

Pushed to make a legal move, the NMI Retirement Fund board has decided to retain the services of private lawyer Joseph Camacho. Fund board chair Joseph Reyes said Camacho is now assisting the board with its legal actions relating to the government's enactment of a law that suspends its employer contribution of \$1.3 million per pay period up to the end of fiscal year 2007. Fund administrator Karl T. Reyes said the Fund would have a total of three lawyers, including its in-house attorney, James Hollman, and Camacho's associate in his law firm Camacho and Alepuyo.

KHS, PSS termite treatment get chunk of Compact Impact funds

Kagman High School and the treatment and control of termites in all public schools will get the largest share of the finalized Compact Impact Fund given to the CNMI Public School System. According to PSS Federal Programs adviser Tim Thornburgh, the Central Office would proceed with the revised Compact Assistance budget for 2006 that was sent to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial in April this year. Kagman High School will get the sum of \$480,000 for its pending additional classrooms and collaterals needed by the school. It will also receive an additional \$100,000 for the repair of its science and technology classroom that was burned down in May 2005.

June 20, 2007

June 30 deadline for amnesty

Residential customers who have illegal electric connections have until the end of the month to come clean and avail of the attorney general's amnesty program to avoid prosecution. Commonwealth Utilities Corp. spokesperson Pamela A. Mathis told Saipan Tribune yesterday that Attorney General Matthew Gregory is offering the amnesty to residential customers only up to June 30, 2007. "The amnesty is for residential customers who are illegally connected. The amnesty means that they [Attorney General's Office] will not put you in jail. It's not offered by CUC, it's an AG amnesty," Mathis said.

New CNMI magazine sets July launch

The maiden issue of the newest magazine to hit these islands will be unveiled on July 5, with the aim of becoming the first high-end glossy magazine truly made on Saipan. Marianas Pride—or simply MP Magazine—will be the very first magazine that will feature people who have made a remarkable impact on CNMI politics, sports, community and even the lifestyles of people on the islands. In a presentation held yesterday for the Rotary Club of Saipan in the Sui Lan Room of the Hyatt Regency, Titan Media Group president Ed Propst said the new magazine would highlight the pride of the CNMI, spanning all the races and nationalities that now constitute the Commonwealth.

June 20, 2008

Islands' rental prices dropping

Saipan's ongoing economic downturn is prompting scores of local landlords to drop prices in a bid to stand out among the hundreds of starkly vacant rental properties available on the island. The decline in rental prices is visible every day in housing advertisements and appears to have even prompted one commercial property on Middle Road to advertise "Free Rent"—at least free for the first two months of a one-year lease—in a banner across the front of the building. Price cuts appear confined for now to the low end of the rental market—where prices in many cases have dropped \$200 to \$400—while rents on the island's pricier apartments are holding steady, some real estate agents report. However, others note the trend has also emerged in the high-rent residential and commercial sectors.

House gives retirement bill a second pass

The House of Representatives has passed a new version of a vetoed bill on disability retirement. The House members approved on Wednesday a bill streamlining the application process for claiming disability retirement. Under the bill, a member of the NMI Retirement Fund will need certification from two physicians, including one specialist, that he or she is totally and permanently disabled due to physical or mental incapacitation. Currently, certification is required from two physicians and a vocational rehabilitation counselor. Proponents of the bill have said these requirements are too difficult to meet.

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A jolt from Starbucks

Starbucks proved Monday that it can deliver a jolt.

In this case, it was the announcement of an unprecedented new employee benefit that offers free college tuition to all workers—full time and part time—for their junior and senior years.

The coursework would be completed online through Arizona State University in one of 40 degree fields. There would be no conditions attached about staying with the company after the worker finished college.

Credit the company's leadership and CEO Howard Schultz with a revolutionary concept that should challenge other employers to think broadly about how they can open doors for their workers and be transformative in their communities.

Schultz said the benefit fits into Starbucks' goal of being a "company with a conscience."

In recent years, he said, the American dream of access to opportunity has been an empty promise to many. The cost of college has either been out of reach for millions or left them with suffocating debt.

Schultz said company leaders wondered: "Should we accept that, or should we do something about it?"

Starbucks executives chose the latter, and good for them. As Schultz put it, "We can't be a bystander. We can't wait for Washington."

Other businesses have offered tuition breaks for employees, but they are rare in the retail industry. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. has provided workers partial grants for online courses since 2010.

Starbucks appears to be alone in the industry with the offer of two free years of school, and Schultz concedes there are many unanswered questions.

For example, Starbucks has no firm estimates on how many of its 135,000 U.S. workers might want to take advantage of the offer or how much it would cost the company. One Starbucks executive said that about 70 percent of its workers either are in college, want to enroll or dropped out for various reasons.

A Starbucks worker's freshman and sophomore years would not be free, but the company and ASU would offer subsidies toward tuition and fees. Grants and loans would help bridge the gap.

Overall, a full four-year college degree could be obtained at a huge discount through the company. It could be discounted to zero for a worker who already had enough college credits for the junior or senior years, as long as he or she kept on track to graduate.

American industry learns things from the bold, the experimenters, the disrupters. Starbucks tuition program fits those descriptions. It will be interesting—and we hope even exciting—to see what kind of impact it has.

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THE BOSTON MARATHON BOMB SUSPECT WANTS HIS TRIAL MOVED TO A SPOT WHERE HE HASN'T GOTTEN SO MUCH NEGATIVE PUBLICITY...

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Goodbye, America

I should title this article *Goodbye, Columbus*, for the main characters in my recollection were folks who drove all the way from Columbus, Ohio, to Fort Wayne, Indiana, to meet and share a meal together at Chuck E Cheese, for all the children and the adults.

The Columbus retinue included my second wife (*er lao po*) with our daughter and her younger brother, both diagnosed ASDs. She will turn 22 this August and he was 19 this April. Along with them was a very competent aide who assisted my ex-wife to make sure that my daughter and son were cared for in the midst of their neurological condition.

My group coming from outside Chicago included my eldest daughter from my primal spouse (*yi lao po*) who drove with her two sons, one at 6 who is cavalierly brilliant, smartly suave, advanced in language proficiency, and an assertive 4-year-old brother who exhibits hyper-activity, extremely contrarian social responses, and repetitive behavior that qualifies him within the current diagnosis of ASD, autism spectrum disorder. In total, there were eight of us that occupied rooms at a local Hampton Inn outskirts of Fort Wayne.

For those unfamiliar with the characteristics of "autism," they can Google the subject. There is no shortage of attempts at enlightenment on the widespread condition, from the symptoms to the myriad prescriptions of dealing with it. I had written enough about the condition and the local CNMI families with children diagnosed under ASD, along with my experience with a few SpEd students assigned to my 6th grade class in PSS' valiant attempt to mainstream their learning, that to add more would be an overkill.

I am using the Indiana meeting as the occasion for my intentional farewell to North America. Yup. T'was almost 50 years since I sailed for 20 days to San Francisco from Manila, taking citizenship 20 years later to deter immigration officers from detaining me for further scrutiny since it was unusual for a Philippine-descent immigrant to qualify to be a citizen and not apply eight years later!

My style of commitment was through covenants. Three covenants of marriage with three American ladies made me a prime candidate for psychological profiles to determine possible "flaw in character." Add four other "significant others" and we are definitely deemed unstable.

I was also communally covenanted with some folks who took their churching seriously, their bodies on the barb wires of history, designing human development projects that simultaneously dealt with all the people and all the issues personal and social in a delineated geography, bringing to the enterprise the gifts of the 20th century scientific, and secular revolutions, and appropriating the gifts of the inner city, the urban center, the suburban spread, and the exurban green into the social demonstration. The Ecumenical

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Institute in Chicago had enough sense to dissipate when the center would not hold in the mid-'80s.

I had meant to drop in on Sheridan corner Lawrence in uptown Chicago where the Greenrise building is currently an urban demo but decided that my farewell would be a drop in the postal box of materials that might be of interest to the institutional archive. I am done socializing.

An offshoot, the Realistic Living Institute, rigorously mapped the spirit in the last 30 years with the use of Christian symbols and metaphors; I bid them adieu as well in the wetlands of Bonham in Texas not too long ago.

Appropriating the image of the "dead man walking," dead-and-resurrected, has me singing my *One Moment in Time* to be 86 years, leaving me with the last of the five-phased 17-years each journey to consciously age graciously into the sunset of my years. I began by writing a bio-profile early this year from the perspective of the other side of 86. Not beholden or fearful of the mystery of the unknown future, I am lucidly covenanted to the 86-year journey of this body into human history. Should it factually turn out to be more or less my statistical projection, *c'est la vie!*

The price is emotionally taxing. I am bidding everyone in North America physical and emotional "goodbyes," just leaving a window of connection ajar being only a mouse-click away on the other side of the planet in today's technology, but mentally, willfully, and totally raising the gates on heretofore covenants into my new covenant with my new circles of consciousness in China of my far east Asian continent.

My genetic connection will be to four grandsons with the family of my two eldest daughters in Chicago and Oakland CA who have gleefully developed their own signatures with no shortage of flourish; it is to their children that I launched a seven-year-itch of writing.

The second layer of genetics will be the ASD world in Columbus where two children I was privileged to help bring into existence but defaulted in their upbringing; and a shy but gifted writer daughter in Pittsburgh who is gingerly nursing the blooming of a literary self-consciousness.

I told friendly connections in several places that if we ever were to see each other face-to-face again, it will have to be in Asia and/or the Pacific. *Paalam!* Goodbye! *Zai Jian!*

A dozen frames

Now that the dust has settled from graduation season, and the young 'uns have been launched into the world, I think back to some of the advice I used to hear. I usually ignored it, thank goodness, but some of it was worth remembering.

Well, here's a keeper. A Navy A-7 pilot offered this to me and a pal: "Your whole professional life boils down to a dozen frames on the wall. That's all. So don't waste your time on anything that isn't a wall-hanger."

Back then, when we thought about photos we thought in terms of dozens, because camera film came in those increments: 12, 24, and 36. So saying a dozen frames on the wall didn't really mean exactly 12, but was just a convention of approximation.

As for the jet jock, his favorite wall-hanger was in his office, a photo of several A-7 jets flying in formation, one of which he was flying. Now that's a wall-hanger.

Some of the best wall-hangers I've seen have come from mariners, including one guy I knew who sailed a small sloop all over the tropical Pacific. He had been a carpenter for years, until he finally saved up enough money to buy a boat and follow his horizons.

Another guy I knew had gold fever. He quit normal life in order to become a hard rock miner. He was in his 80s when he took me to his mining claim, or, as he said, his "diggings." This guy's wall-hangers seemed like straight of an old West movie.

One guy I knew had served in the Army in the Vietnam war

and then, after his return home, started a ranch. His wall-hangers were split between the two realms, infantry operations in the jungle, and cattle roundups in the mountains.

And then there was the struggling rock n' roll singer. His band played local gigs but never hit the big time. They recorded one album, which they self-financed. It fizzled. After a decade of struggle financial reality could no longer be denied. The singer became just another salary man with a desk job, but he got himself some cool rock n' roll wall-hangers, which were very important to him.

Of course, the big idea here isn't merely the wall-hanger itself. If it was, you could just rip photos out of magazines and frame them. No, the idea is that when you capture the image, you capture the experience; that's your experience, and your life.

Some professions are more photogenic than others, we have to admit, and, likewise, we also have to admit that a picture on the wall doesn't replace money in the bank. A wall-hanger without a wall to hang it on is a pretty scary concept.

You could cook up a dark, philosophical sci-fi story about this stuff, where, say, some trust-fund billionaire offers to buy some photos, and all the associated memories (via brain download), from some adventurous guy who went broke. The late Roald Dahl would've been just the guy to pen something like that.

Back in the day, photos weren't free, or particularly cheap, to produce. And what was produced wasn't always high quality. For the gray hairs out there, many of their (well, our) best memories are memorialized in grainy, blurry little snapshots,

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maybe even in black-and-white. Today's cameras would have been regarded as science fiction even a generation ago.

The days of 12, 24, or 36 photos are so far gone that most people probably don't remember them. A modern camera, something cheap, like you'd buy at the drug store, can hold over 10,000 pictures on the memory card, depending, of course, on the technical specifics.

Meanwhile, our virtual walls are limitless. So the constraints have cross-canceled: People can now put an infinite amount of stuff on an infinitely-sized space. By contrast, the notion of a mere dozen frames, limited to a square yard of wall space in your study, seems like an anachronistic constraint.

But you don't sharpen a spear by putting more material at the tip. You sharpen it by taking away material. Thinking in terms of a dozen frames can sharpen our focus.

After all, while the horizons of technology seem infinite, our lives are not.

Crippling bankruptcy

When nailed to our cross from a mind numbing issue we dig down deep to resolve it forthwith. We forge ahead amidst crippling financial shortfall families have to endure these days. Life goes on, though quizzically painful the uncertain journey ahead.

How do we deal with the cumulative increase in the cost of living? Well, most fail to see the "cumulative increase" crashing fatally into the reality of our empty family pocketbooks. But feeling its crunching effects is right up front and center in every household.

For retirees, you add the 25-percent cut in pension, 40-percent increase in health insurance plus 20-percent increase in the cost of living and you're looking at an 85-percent cut in your total income or buying power. The rest must endure cut in income by over 65 percent.

The vicious hardship is ubiquitous—could be seen everywhere—throughout the CNMI. It's all about lapses in leadership from A-Z. "We the people" are the victims!

The issue drops into two categories: 1.) "Standing complaint" among the multitude about misery forcibly placed upon them by, reiterating, leadership failure. 2.) Turns into breakfast, lunch, and dinner people would bring with them to the polls this November.

No matter the political calisthenics, there's no doubt people would keep repeating the standing narrative found in pseudonyms like CUC, CHC (health insurance), and other Cs. Apparently, your wagon is dislodged and gone off on its own while the horses have headed elsewhere, too!

With instability in Iraq, oil would skyrocket by as much as \$150-\$200 per barrel. This increase will soon hit the CNMI. At day's end, it's you and I who must pay higher power bills. Moreover, the domino effect definitely would increase shipping cost that translates into another layer of increase in the price of basic commodities. Did someone say alternative energy?

With the inevitable cocktail of increases from power to food, perhaps pro-casino folks should explain how the casino industry would resolve the persistent fiscal and financial cri-

sis at home. Let's see your arithmetic beyond conjecture and propped-up projections. Hell, it's your chance demonstrating there's brighter break of dawn, huh?

Whether we like it or not, our government is bankrupt! It can no longer afford paying for its hefty obligations. Looking at the combined effects of cumulative deficit of some \$1.2 billion versus revenue generation going Deep South, it's all a matter of time before the die is cast! The crippling effect of bankruptcy has descended into every corner of the NMI.

Bubble of isolation

Our men of wisdom have opted to live in isolation in order to insulate themselves from serious questions coming from "we the people" on the whole ball of wax of forced economic misery. They do not wish to listen to complaints about joblessness, hopelessness, and other familial economic maladies originating from their failure.

Have they done anything of substance to reduce a huge deficit? As though this isn't sufficient, there's also a plan to take out pension obligation bond that would effectively deny our children their economic freedom. The apathy with which incumbent leadership has treated these issues has forced a shift in slogan from "better times" to maybe "next time."

Nothing has been done to mitigate new and impending increases. The ineptitude has left wages and salaries stagnant or the same for the last 20 years. This doesn't offer much help to anyone. The pain is the same in every household. Is there a way out of this filthy swamp of persistent leadership failure?

Indeed, there are ways to ease what families have to endure today if, and only if, leadership buckles down to using its cranium to the hilt. I salivate at the opportunity to turn the mess around and lift our sunken canoe from the harbor of bankruptcy. That our sail is shredded is more the reason to burn the midnight oil to give opportunity another shot so we could rebuild the bridge of hope.

When you slip into history then you know your career has sailed permanently into the sunset. It's beyond the reef where you could relish living in bubbly isolation!

all the awards, wearing the better clothes and having the most confidence. One look around at the kids and you can tell, just by looking at the ones that feel inferior, so PSS gives everyone a useless award like "citizenship" or "helpfulness" which doesn't fool the kids at all. Let parents praise their kids, schools should concentrate on fairness, cooperation, and emphasizing how alike all children are and how much in common they have, not how much better some kids are, thanks to better opportunity, parenting, or more money.

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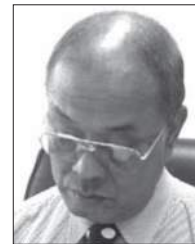
Message to Mr. Jesus Taisague

Mr. Taisague, your candidacy has prompted me to write to you. You have openly stated a few months back that Gov. Inos, legislators, and the CNMI government are corrupted. You went as far as taking them to court and getting the short end of the stick.

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Kick the bums out!

Many of us have gone to hell and back, trying to understand where things may have gone wrong in the persistently deepening fiscal and financial crisis at home.

The more critically you probe it, the more it shows that it's in the poor caliber of leadership on the hill or lapses in leadership. Obviously, the culprit is no rocket science stuff either. Thus, the dearth of meaningful economic policies has been soundly relegated to irrelevancy.

Having contributed to the deepening mess as "Do-Nothings," they've learned to insulate themselves with our tax dollars to the tune of \$60,000-\$90,000 each. No wonder! What work only evil geniuses could concoct on self-serving basis! Kick the bums out!

Historic amnesia

A Clinton staff quip, "It's the economy, stupid," remains the most relevant reminder here today. It should have been the mantra of every politician worth his salt! It isn't!

There's the historic amnesia trashing the will of the people on casino. It's a fertile year too for non-economic policies confirming complete misperception of the people's issues.

Are we supposed to be forgiving of policymakers who've simply failed the multitude donning the cap of abecedarians?

Instead of fully thought-out economic policies, we see laws prohibiting panty hanging in Garapan. Does it mean you'd be paying for their utility bills too?

Then there's the cockfight measure. Is cockfighting the economic engine on the islands? This is provincial stuff, fittingly the purview of municipal councils. Or is this the depth of your perception of the crippling economic mess at home?

That there's literally nothing undertaken to ease familial economic hardship is more the reason to "kick the bums out." It's time to begin insisting, via our ballots, for a more academically and professionally competent group of policymakers. No more amnesiac leadership. *No mas!*

Then in the June 16, 2014, *Saipan Tribune* news article, you stated that the reason for your seeking public office is because a few good men told you so and for you to restore the retirees' 25 percent. Who are you kidding, Mr. Taisague? What comes out your mouth turns into dust. Stop lying to the people of Saipan like you have done to the people of Rota. Who are you trying to fool? Tell the people of Saipan one of the many lies you have committed. Stop the lies and corruption, Mr. Taisague. If you want an open and honest government, I suggest you start from you. Be looking forward for more of Mr. Taisague's corruption journey.

Garren M. Quitugua

Igua, Rota

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR






PSS, stop marginalizing poor, underachieving students

I went to my granddaughter's 5th grade graduation at Koblerville Elementary School and noticed a few troubling sights I would like to share. Let me say, I am 100 percent against competition in schools, so that means I am 100 percent against awards in schools. By 1st grade, kids already know who has money and who doesn't and the ones that don't are already being marginalized by their economically better off classmates. By 1st grade with the system we use, the smarter ones—and most of the smarter ones have parents that really take education seriously and help their kids—get awards which further marginalizes kids whose parents don't really care or have to work 16 hours a day to survive. At graduation time, you see the same few kids getting

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 81 ▼ 79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 80
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 80

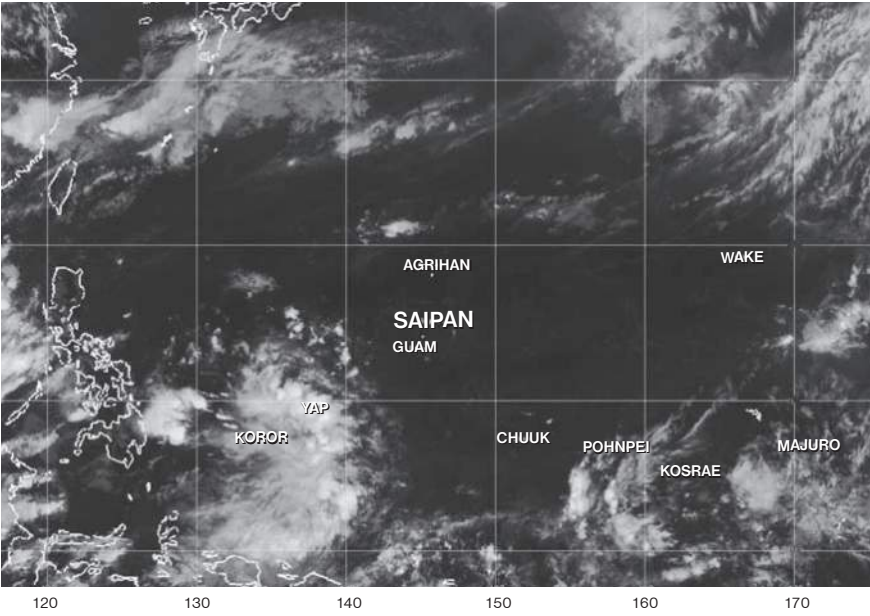
Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲ 58 ▼ 53
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 64
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 81
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 82 ▼ 72
London	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 72 ▼ 58
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 64
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 76
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲ 62 ▼ 51
Miami	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 74
New York	Showers	▲ 76 ▼ 63
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 67
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71 ▼ 55
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲ 73 ▼ 65
Rome	Sunny	▲ 80 ▼ 62
Salem	Sunny	▲ 81 ▼ 54
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲ 62 ▼ 52
Seoul	Cloudy	▲ 79 ▼ 65
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 80 ▼ 69
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 68

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
2:32 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
9:15 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
2:39 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
8:44 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak tropical disturbance centered southeast of Yap near 6N141E is producing widespread cloudiness, scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across Yap and Palau between the equator and 11N from 131E to 141E. Another weak disturbance is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms just south of Pohnpei between the equator and 6N from 155E to 162E. A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Majuro over Tarawa and Butaritari between the equator and 6N from 166E to 175E. A surface trough runs northeastward from south of wake island at 14N167E through a weak circulation at 18N173E to 22N180. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found just southeast of the trough axis within 100 miles either side of a line from 14N170E to 21N179E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:48 AM	6:49 PM
Saturday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Sunday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Monday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Tuesday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:06 AM	12:34 PM
Saturday	12:51 AM	1:29 PM
Sunday	1:36 AM	2:23 PM
Monday	2:21 AM	3:16 PM
Tuesday	3:07 AM	4:09 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	1, 3, 5, 7	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7	MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:20am	3:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	7:55am	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
DL287/473	6:05am	9:50pm	1, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM	UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1	6 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	4, 7 via GUM-Rota
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM	UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:35pm+1	4, 7 via GUM-Rota
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN	UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
				UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5039	11:30pm	2:00pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM	D28008	6:05pm	1:20am+1	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
D28009	12:50pm	4:05pm	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31	UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM	UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM	UA180/5038	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN	UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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- *11 on any PTI cellular phone
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A lunch date with history (Compliments of Dr. Nelson Krum and Dental Care Saipan)

There is a picture that hangs in the Marine Museum in Quantico, Virginia of Mr. Carl Matthews landing on the beach on Saipan in 1944. This is the most widely published photo from "D-day in the Pacific" and he is the only person in the picture that survived the battle.

His commanding officer, Mr. Leary, and his good friend were both killed and he is still today close friends with their families.

He took my address and said he will mail me a copy of that picture!

I have been a history buff all of my life, growing up in the historic and military setting of Norfolk, Virginia, but this has been the experience of a lifetime.

"Thank you for your service" has a much bigger meaning for me now. Being able to live on this beautiful island, surrounded with truly special, interesting people is all because of people like Mr. Matthews.

I really don't have words to describe these last few historic days, but this I know... we on Saipan live in a special place, and a special part of American history happened here. Coming up close and personal to what has been called "America's greatest generation" has been a truly humbling experience.

A special thank you to the 70th reunion committee who worked so hard to bring Saipan's legendary island hospitality to this special commemoration. Shelly Scott, one of those folks, has a huge heart and an amazing gift of hospitality and has made Mr. Matthew's visit truly memorable. I don't think she has slept 15 minutes since the festivities began!

Donna Krum
San Jose, Saipan

WIA training: Is it reliable?

The Workforce investment Agency has successfully employed many high school students, but did not deliver the training the applicants expected. Some applicants are placed in government offices and community work projects and not the position that applicants apply for. If the applicant is eligible, then they are hired and placed in what position is available, leaving them to the department's employees to train them. In some departments, they are not capable of training these applicants and they end up being used as helper or errand person. Some just come to work and just sit in the office using the computer to chat on Facebook or play games. Some are asked to do chores such as sweep, mop, or file documents. Some are asked to answer the phone. Yes, they learn some skills, but the problem is they are not aware that they are being cheated with the trainings that they were supposed to get. Because they are bored, they find other things to do and now the WIA program is known as the free money giver and not a training program. So when they work in private, what these trainees do is cheat their employer because that is what they are being trained for.

Yes, they receive a certificate from their trainer that they completed the training but not a certificate for credential. For me, a credential certificate should be issued as soon as the person completes the training and pass a test. Nothing like this has ever happened yet.

My understanding of workforce investment is, with proper training and certification that he/she pass the test, that's an investment in the workforce. Why do many locals working in the private sector resign very fast? The answer is these applicants have learned to work whenever he/she pleases and still gets paid. And guess how much they are being paid today? \$5.50 per hour and now maybe will go up to \$7 an hour.

Back then, WIA was paying \$3.50 or more an hour and at the same time the private sector was paying their employees the same amount. The only thing is that many of their employees are getting paid cheaper than what WIA was paying its applicant. What I'm trying to prove is that the WIA program pays more than the private but delivers poor training, where in the private they pay less but provide training that earns them a valid credential, where both employer and employee benefits from.

So, members of Legislature and Gov. Inos, the question is how can we invest in the local workforce? The answer is to put them in private, have them practice hands-on, and if they don't perform, introduce a law that will regulate such behavior, where the applicant can be penalized for not completing the training. Instead of placing them in the government where they get cheated with the trainings they need.

Believe me, our children will appreciate and respect their employer as well as themselves. Why? Because it benefits them as well as their employer.

Winnie Atalig
San Jose, Tinian



Carl Matthews, veteran of the Battle of Saipan, is flanked by Donna Krum, right, history buff and Saipan resident, and Samantha, left. Matthews was part of the first wave to hit the beach on June 15, 1944.

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'Happy Children in Paradise' returns on July 1

One of the Marianas Visitors Authority's longeststanding promotional campaigns, "Happy Children in Paradise," returns to put smiles on the faces of visiting children beginning on July 1.

The campaign provides Saipan-da backpacks to all visiting children ages 11 and younger as a souvenir of their visit to the Northern Mariana Islands during the summer months and at Christmas time. The MVA expects to give away approxi-

mately 16,000 of the 15th anniversary backpacks to happy kids this year.

"Saipan-da is a popular figure in a couple of our markets, especially Japan. He is featured on national and regional television, gets his own invitations to special events, and does a great job of helping potential travelers remember the destination of 'Saipan,'" said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "When we're competing at international trade shows or other events with over 100 other vacation destinations, Saipan-da helps keep our islands in people's minds. Both children and adults are drawn to Saipan-da!"

The summer campaign will run through Sept. 30, 2014. Participating hotels will distribute

coupons to qualified guests during the period. The coupons will be redeemable at the DFS Galleria Saipan-da Corner, where a live action Saipan-da will greet guests and be available for picture taking.

The name Saipan-da is a tri-

ple play on words in English and Japanese: "sai" means rhinoceros, the panda bear, and the destination name Saipan. The whole word Saipan-da! means "Saipan is it!" in Japanese, or "Saipan's the place to be!" (MVA)

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The 15th year edition of the Saipan-da backpack for 2014. The Marianas Visitors Authority anticipates distributing 16,000 of the backpacks to visiting children this year as part of its "Happy Children in Paradise" campaign.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy birthday, Chase Maratita Reyes! May your day be extra special with lots of hugs and kisses coming your way. May the Lord bless you on your special day, boy. We love you! Love from Nina Kim, Nino Eric, and brother Izaiah Blaze.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Happy birthday to our ninja, Drae A'more! We love you and we hope your day is filled with lots of fun and blessings! Cowabunga dude! Go, Ninja Turtle! Greetings come from your partners Don-Don and Eric and the *familias*.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



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Happy 10th month birthday to our *magas*, Izaiah Blaze. May the lord bless you with many more months and years to come. We love you, son! Love, Mommy and Daddy.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

A big birthday shoutout to my goddaughter, Shanelle Franceen Lizama Yamada! Happy 6th birthday, baby girl, and many more birthdays to come. God bless you and let Him guide you through your future. And congratulations on your promotion! Yeey, you're going to 1st grade. We love you! Greetings come from *nino* Craig and *nina* Tinie and family.

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HS grads urged to take advantage of free Cash for College workshop

The Northern Marianas College is asking parents of recent high school graduates to encourage their son or daughter to take advantage of the services offered at Saturday's Cash for College workshop.

The aim of the workshop is to assist students and their parents to maximize scholarship opportunities that are available for those seeking a college education at NMC or at other postsecondary institutions.

The free workshop will be held this Saturday, June 21, 2014 at the NMC As Terlaje campus in Building A. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and 3pm.

Participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, and the CNMI Scholarship.

Staff members from the college's Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to provide information and assistance with the NMC application process.

Individuals who participate in the Northern Marianas Col-

lege's upcoming "Cash for College" workshops will qualify to have their NMC fall 2015 admission application fee and placement test fees waived. The waiver represents a savings of up to \$75.

It is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid U.S. passport, copy of valid application for a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or green card), an official transcript from high school (at least three official copies), tax forms, and proof of CNMI residency for 2012 and 2013, including proof of continuing residency. Applicants for SHEFA should bring a valid U.S. passport, a voter registration card, and proof of vote cast.

The free "Cash for College" workshop was made possible by the financial support of the U.S. Department of Education's College Access Challenge Grant program. This federal program aims to increase the number of students from underrepresented minority populations enrolled in college.

For additional information, visit marianas.edu or contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 237-6792 or email daisy.manglona-propst@marianas.edu. (NMC)

Hotels' occupancy rate at 74 pct. in May 2014

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported yesterday a 74.10-percent occupancy rate among 11 member hotels for May 2014, a 1-percent decrease compared to May 2013.

A total of 52,900 of 71,393 available room nights sold in May 2014, compared to 54,207 of 74,462 of

available room nights sold over the same period last year. Room rates were \$114.39 during the month, compared to \$105.14 last May.

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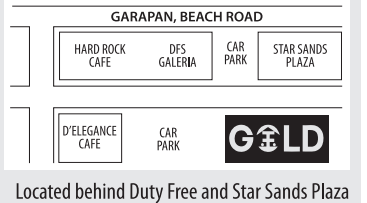
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NMC English, Math placement test schedule

The Northern Marianas College will be conducting the English and Math placement tests on the following dates:

■ July 1, Tuesday, 1:30pm,

Testing Center (Bldg. I)

■ July 2, Wednesday, 9:30am,

Testing Center (Bldg. I)

■ July 3, Thursday, 1:30pm,

Testing Center (Bldg. I)

■ July 8, Tuesday, 1:30pm,

Testing Center (Bldg. I)

■ July 9, Wednesday, 9:30am,

Testing Center (Bldg. I)

■ July 10, Thursday, 1:30pm,

Testing Center (Bldg. I)

■ July 15, Tuesday, 1:30pm,

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■ July 16, Wednesday,

9:30Aam, Testing Center

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■ July 17, Thursday, 1:30pm,

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■ July 22, Tuesday, 1:30pm,

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■ July 23, Wednesday,

9:30am, Testing Center (Bldg. I)

■ July 24, Thursday, 1:30pm,

Testing Center (Bldg. I)

■ July 28, Monday, 1:30pm,

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■ July 29, Tuesday, 1:30pm,

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■ July 31, Wednesday,

9:30am, Testing Center (Bldg. I)

■ August 1, Thursday,

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Those who wish to enroll at NMC in the fall 2014 semester must take the placement tests.

The deadline to apply for admission for the fall 2014 semester is July 31, 2014.

Before taking the placement tests, individuals must first fill out a Placement Test/PCID Request Form at the Office of Admissions and Records (Monday - Friday, 9am to 4pm) and pay

the \$25 fee for each placement test at the NMC Cashier (Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 4pm).

Payment of the admission application fee will cover the English placement test fee. Students will not be allowed to take the placement test/PCID tests without their processed Placement Request Form and a valid photo ID (driver's license, passport or school ID).

Note that the English and placement tests are computer-based. The English placement test is taken in two parts. The first test is on three subjects, which include listening, language use, and reading skills; the second will be an essay.

The testing center will provide scratch paper and pencils. The use of a calculator is allowed during the math placement.

For more information or to schedule a test date for the placement tests, contact Queanna Sablan at the Testing Center in Building I at 237-6774 or by emailing queanna.sablan@marianas.edu. For additional information about placement tests and NMC's fall 2014 semester, log on to marianas.edu. (NMC)

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The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the Unai Dangkolo beach and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of this location for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified. Samples collected from this site contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. DEQ analyzes water

samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

Air Force training on FDM, at Warning Area 517

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla on June 23, from noon to 3pm; June 24, from 7am to 12:30pm; and June 26, from 8am to 1pm. The U.S. Air Force will also conduct training at W-517 on June 24-27 from 6am to 10pm.

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. (PR)

Free USDA workshop for farmers, ranchers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is inviting the public to a free workshop called "What's Good for the Farmer is Good for Everyone." It will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, starting at 6:30pm, at the Kagman Community Center. The workshop will teach farmers and ranchers how to explore grants, financing, risk management, and technical assistance programs as well as opportunities to leverage resources and build partnerships. This is a tri-agency workshop involving Rural Development, Farm Services Agency, and Natural Resources Conservation Service. (USDA)



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Man gets 30-day prison term for fruit bats poaching

The federal court has imposed a 30-day prison sentence on a former employee of the Rota Mayor's Office Division of Fish & Wildlife who pleaded guilty to a conspiracy to poach on a breeding colony of threatened Mariana fruit bats in 2008 on Rota.

At a sentencing hearing on Wednesday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered that after serving his sentence, Janry A. Santos shall serve six months of supervised release.

Santos was given credit for four days of time served. He was required to perform 50 hours of community service and pay a \$10 special assessment fee.

Manglona allowed Santos to self-surrender to the custody of the U.S. Marshal on June 19 at 9am.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe recommended a sentence of two weeks imprisonment with credit for time served, leaving 11 days to serve.

Attorney Robert T. Torres, counsel for Santos, recommended a probation sentence and community service.

In Santos' sentencing memorandum, Torres said the defendant's case is a classic example of following the leader or to an extent, "blinding[ly] follow[ing] your elders."

Torres said that in the early morning of Nov. 1, 2008, older

family members asked Santos to go hunting for fruit bats in the Sumac area. Although Santos knew that fruit bats were a protected and an endangered species, he agreed to join the large hunting party, Torres said.

The lawyer said Santos approached the colony and he recalled squeezing off two shots of a .410 gauge shotgun given by his uncle, David A. Santos.

Torres said the hunting trip resulted in the decimation and destruction of a fruit bat roosting colony in Sumac.

Torres said the other persons charged for this hunting trip were Santos' uncles, David Santos and Adrian A. Mendiola, and his cousin, Albert Taitano.

Torres said it is true that no one family member or uncle forced or coerced Santos to join the hunt or shoot the gun.

"But it is true that he did not say no to family members having him participate in something he knew was wrong to do, especially since he was working for the Division of Fish and Wildlife, Rota at the time," Torres said.

The lawyer said Santos understood that his actions devastated the fruit bat roosting colony and does not wish to commit the same act.

"As a result of his action, it has affected him to the point of depression. He has never repeated what he did," Torres said.

Santos pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to take a threatened species as part of a plea deal. As part of the deal, the other indictment charging Santos with one count of false statement to a government agency was dropped.

The Nov. 1, 2008, poaching incident led to the indictment of retired police lieutenant Adrian Mendiola, former Rota customs officer Albert A. Taitano, and former Division of Fish and Wildlife staff David A. Santos.

In 2011, Mendiola was found

guilty of unlawful possession of a threatened wildlife, but not guilty of unlawful receipt or acquisition of threatened wildlife. He was slapped with a 90-day prison term.

Last month, Taitano and David Santos pleaded guilty

to a count of conspiring to unlawfully take and transport a threatened species—a misdemeanor offense.

Last March, the federal court imposed a 30-day jail term on Taitano and David A. Santos. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



HONORING THE VETERANS

IT&E CEO John M. Compton, standing left, shares a moment with Carl W. Matthews, a Marine veteran of the Battle of Saipan, seated center, and Richard Cody, Saipan Rotary Club president-elect. Compton is a West Point graduate and he served on active duty in the U.S. Army and was grateful for the opportunity to honor the veterans who fought during the Battle of Saipan.

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Hofschneider, Seo top Tinian High graduates

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REPORTER

Carlyn Cepeda Hofschneider and Yun Ha Seo emerged as the most outstanding graduates of Tinian Senior High School after being named this year's valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

Tinian High School conferred diplomas on 45 seniors this year during a commencement ceremony held Wednesday at the Antonio M. Borja Amphitheatre on Tinian.

This year's graduation theme was "Every Ending is a New Beginning; This is Ours!" The occasion's keynote speaker was Kagman High School teacher Chellete Mina Aldan San Nicolas.

The class valedictorian re-

ceived the prestigious Board of Education Award from BOE chair Herman T. Guerrero, while this year's salutatorian was named recipient of the Commissioner of Education Award bestowed by Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan and her leadership team.

On the Top 10 list are Hofschneider, Seo, Anolica Dantes Anore, Junieva Pajarillo Villarin, Nikkie Oliver Ayuyu, Eric Daniel Medina Hofschneider, Jose Nicholle Dela Cruz Marquez, Maria Pamela Denise Garner Barcinas, Marie Joleen Pascua Cabay, and Anica Frances San Nicolas Dela Cruz.

Three other students were given honorable mention honors: Hermes Deleon Ramos Jr., Nicholas Vincent Hofschneider Ada, and Ellimae Millare Almogela,



**CARLYN CEPEDA
HOFSCHEIDER**

Board of Education Award
Valedictorian

who was also named the Governor's Awardee for 2014.

Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz, meantime, bestowed the Mayor's Outstanding Student Award to Carlyn Cepeda Hofschneider, the class valedictorian.

Pamela Denise Garner Barcinas was named the recipient of the PTSA Outstanding Student award.

In her valedictory address, Carlyn Hofschneider left her peers with this: "As you all tran-



YUN HA SEO

Commissioner's Award
Salutatorian

sition into life after high school and truly become independent individuals, always remember that it's the simplicity of life that makes it worth living for. There's a bigger world out there, bigger than prom, bigger than high school. And it won't matter if you were the battalion commander, or the president of the school or a club, or even a member of the basketball or volleyball team, find out who you are and don't be afraid of

it. Zombies are coming, the world is ending. But hey, every ending is a new beginning, and this is yours!"

In his congratulatory remarks, BOE chair Guerrero encouraged these young adults to choose the right and best decision for their future.

"This is a new beginning of adulthood and as adults, you are making choices. Good or bad choices or whatever you do choose, choose the best; choose wisely. Don't hide. It is your life and you need to grow; do great things. Today's graduation is an important milestone. Stand up for who you are, what you believe in," he said.

COE Sablan also delivered a meaningful message to the graduates: "Graduates, always remember the 'Smart Goals'—achievable and measurable... And please do come back to serve the Commonwealth. And when I think about Tinian, it is a great place to live."

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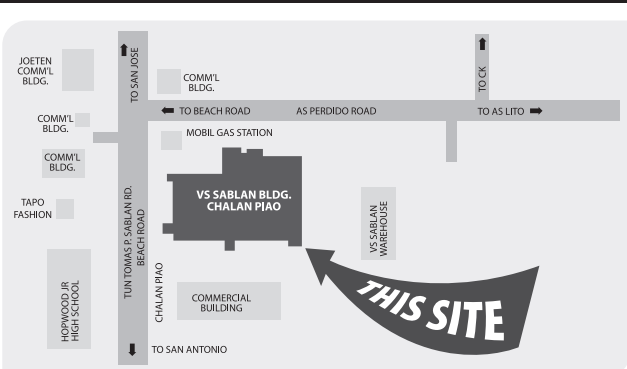
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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform the general public that the CNMI Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program FY 2015 State Plan is available for review and public comment from June 23, 2014 to June 27, 2014 (Monday to Friday). Interested members of the general public may review the FY 2015 State Plan at the WIC Program's Administrative Office located in Saipan, upper Navy Hill, Building N-25. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All public comments must be submitted in writing to the WIC Program Administrator at the same office no later than July 3, 2014.

/s/Esther L. Muna
Chief Executive Officer

/s/Carmen C. Cabrera
WIC Program Administrator

CUC board OKs cancellation of call center contract

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s contract with a private telecommunications firm is expected to end anytime soon following its board's decision to terminate the existing contract.

The CUC board adopted the recommendation of the special task force that looked into the current customer service performance of the utilities corporation. This task force was headed by board member Chris Concepcion.

CUC board chair David Sablan ordered an assessment on the effectiveness of customer service at the agency in April this year. Two months after the task force did its job, a decision was made to cancel the existing contract for the service.

CUC inked a two-year agreement early last year with IT&E to handle the agency's call center service at a cost of \$180,000 per year. The goal then was to improve customer service and access to CUC departments, through 24/7 call cen-

ter services. Since then, all calls made to CUC were answered by a live operator, and either handled directly or connected to the appropriate CUC employee.

Saipan Tribune learned that IT&E's contract is expiring on Nov. 28 this year. Under the agreement, the parties have the option to renew the contract for another year. The contract provides a 90-day notice of nonrenewal or termination.

Based on CUC's records, IT&E handled over 7,000 calls for CUC each month. The service is being provided by about seven to eight people working 24 hours. Sixty percent of the calls come in during business hours, while 40 percent are received during nighttime.

It was earlier disclosed that CUC pay IT&E \$15,000 a month for this service—a cost that the board now says would be less if CUC uses its own personnel.

CUC board chair Sablan said yesterday that the contract's termination will mean putting back in-house personnel to do the work.

It was disclosed that CUC, which will provide training to its own personnel, will also procure the equipment needed for the service, which is expected to reach \$61,800.

"It's one-time fee for CUC versus the \$180,000 per year [paid to IT&E]," Sablan said, adding that final date of termination will be based on the determination of the management, or after completion of the transition process.

Sablan pointed out that having their own people to assist customers will put more value on CUC services besides the cost savings and efficiency it will bring to the corporation. He said bringing the service back to the in-house staff would win back the confidence of CUC clients.

According to him, the creation of the task forces was aimed at instilling "consistency" in CUC services to meet the satisfaction of its customers.

In yesterday's board meeting, CUC executive director Alan Fletcher emphasized that IT&E has done a good job and fulfilled everything in the contract.

DeSoto trial: Witnesses to tragedy testify

GUAM (Pacific News Center)—Some emotional testimony this morning on Day 4 of the De Soto trial.

Emma Dela Cruz was at the Jungle Java cafe the night of the attack.

In court yesterday she cringed when she saw De Soto in the courtroom and later broke into tears. Apologizing several times, Dela Cruz could barely get through a sentence without choking on her words.

On Feb. 12 last year, Dela Cruz said she saw a car speeding by the coffee shop. When she got up to look out she saw a man stab three different people.

An elderly Japanese woman and a younger Japanese woman holding a baby were stabbed in the back, she said. And she pointed out that it appeared the women had no clue they were about to be attacked because their backs were facing DeSoto.

Also testifying was Isidro Tinso, an employee at the Outrigger Hotel.

Tinso said he took off his shirt, wrapped it around his hands for pro-

tection, and chased after DeSoto. Tinso says he, too, witnessed DeSoto stabbing the two Japanese women and then he jumped on top of DeSoto to stop him.

They rolled around on the ground, but DeSoto managed to get away and run in the opposite direction. Tinso continued to chase DeSoto, finally catching up to him. Others then stepped in to help get the knife away and subdue DeSoto, he said.

On Day 3 of the trial, several witnesses who were at the Tumon Tragedy crime scene took the stand, describing the murderous mayhem they saw on the night of Feb. 12, 2013.

And for the first time, a video was played back from the Jungle Java's perspective of what happened that night.

Officer Tommy Salas, with GPD's crime lab, also testified about the pictures he took of the car's windshield, suggesting where the impact occurred when the victims were struck as the vehicle sped down the Plaza sidewalk.



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Re-estimation of coral-reef fishery landings in CNMI suggests decline

Coral-reef fisheries are deeply intertwined with the culture, economy, and society of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Given their central role to CNMI's livelihood and economy, there is a continuous need to understand and manage these very dynamic resources. This is especially true now that improved technology and fishing gear provides access to many reefs that were once hard to get to.

Recently, a new study on CNMI's reef fisheries has been published in the journal *Reviews of Fish Biology and Fisheries* by authors Javier Cuetos-Bueno and Dr. Peter Houk, associated with the Pacific Marine Resources Institute and the University of Guam Marine Laboratory. The study examined both published papers and technical reports providing reef fishery data over the years, including standardized interviews and numerical estimates. From these data, the authors described the most probable scenarios for coral-reef fish landings since the 1950's. Understanding fish landings is of great interest because they represent one key piece of information that local and federal fisheries agencies use when determining allowable catch limits each year.

Lead author Javier Cuetos-Bueno describes the results as being very interesting for several reasons. "First, although improved technology has provided fishermen access to more fishing grounds and much more efficient fishing gear, we report that reef fish landings have most likely declined by 39 to 73 percent since the 1950's. Second, we found that previous studies looking at reef fish landings in CNMI over the years very likely underestimated the contribution of reef



fish harvesting for subsistence and recreational purposes. We found that non-commercial reef fishing remains as the dominant fishing activity in CNMI, and by incorporating the improved estimates one gets a better perspective of long-term trends. Third, we found that data collected by local and federal fisheries programs since the 1980s showed a lot of unexpected variability that appeared to be an artifact of data collection concerns rather than actual landing trends. This suggested a need for improvements to data collection efforts. According to several governmental fishery scientists, these improvements are reportedly underway already."

Dr. Houk added that, "one unique source of fisheries data was provided by the CNMI's Nutrition Assistance Program who have kept excellent records of fish vendors who participate in their food-stamp program over the years. Through these records, and their consistency with previous studies taking snapshots in time of CNMI fish



landings, we were able to better comprehend inter-annual variations and emphasize the need for ongoing improvements in data collection systems."

The authors added that, "while the population growth in the CNMI since the 1950s has increased overall fishery demand in recent decades, the availability of alternative protein sources being brought from overseas has probably lowered personal consumption (amount of seafood consumed per person). Yet, in order for reduced demand from consumers to account for the declining trends in landings we found, the individual consumption of local seafood would have to be ~10 kg per person, per year. This is unrealistically low for any island nation, especially CNMI. Alternatively, the decline in landings due to decreasing resources is matched by several studies that show a decline in the sizes of many common food fish (*Tata-ga* and *Laggua* for example), and a decline in reef health for the most accessible reefs."

A declining fishery, as sug-

gested by the findings, not only impacts CNMI's coral-reef fishing revenues, but also the health of the coral reefs, the tourism sector, and personal livelihoods. The authors conclude that "fisheries represent a very difficult resource to manage because of the diversity of users and stakeholders, yet a declining fishery is of less benefit to all. Stakeholder-driven decision making is the key to improving the future of CNMI's marine resources and the services they provide to the society and economy. Science plays an important part in this process by informing stakeholders of whether their goals are being met or not. While we continue to improve upon the science, the hard part is to improve stakeholder involvement in a meaningful way and generate a publically-acceptable vision with clearly defined goals. We are hopeful that local and federal fisheries managers continue along this path."

Further inquiry or copies of the study can be obtained from the Pacific Marine Resources Institute (info@pacmares.com). (PR)

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

CHO, SEONG JEO,
Plaintiff,
vs.
PARK JAE HYUN, HAN SANG EOK,
KWON CHON SEOB, MOON YOO SUK,
AN JONG HO, PHILIP S. BERG
COMPANY, LTD. and DAE DONG CORPORATION,
Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 13-0161C

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on November 22, 2013, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right and interests of Defendants in and to the following real property, located in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:



Tract No. H 246 situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, beginning at a corner which is designated as Corner No. 1, having plane rectangular coordinates of North 45.325.50 meters and East 51.207.79 meters of the Northern Mariana Islands Coordinate System of 1996.

1. Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale is open to the general public (including the Defendants), and will be held on **Tuesday, June 24, 2014**, at the hour of **10:30 a.m.** at the **entrance to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, D'Torres Bldg, Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan, CNMI**. Registration for the auction sale will begin at 10:15 a.m.

2. Change of Terms and Conditions. The undersigned reserves the right to change the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, before the auction date and time or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, will be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 8th day of May, 2014.

/s/ Tim Goodwin
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DISCONNECTION NOTICE

IT&E would like to remind its customers that payments not received by close of business on **June 23**, will result in temporary suspension of all telephone services after 6:00 p.m. on that day. To prevent temporary suspension, customers must pay their bills on or before **June 23**.

THIS WILL BE THE ONLY NOTIFICATION IT&E CUSTOMERS WILL RECEIVE

You have the right to dispute this notice. You must state your claim in person or in writing no later than **June 23**. You must pay any amount not in dispute to avoid disconnection. Payment denotes acceptance of all charges.

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Business

Feds add Chrysler to ignition, air bag probe

DETROIT (AP)—A U.S. safety agency has opened two investigations into Chrysler minivans and SUVs as part of a widening inquiry into air bag and ignition switch problems across the U.S. auto industry.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration began asking automakers and parts suppliers for information on the interrelated issues after General Motors recalled 2.6 million small cars with

faulty ignition switches earlier this year. The switches can slip out of the “run” position, causing engines to stall and knocking out power steering and disabling the air bags. In some cases, drivers have lost control.

The defective switches are blamed by GM for at least 54 crashes and more than 13 deaths, but at least one member of Congress says the death toll could rise as high as 100.

After the GM recalls in February and March, NHTSA asked auto companies and parts makers for information on switches and how long air bags will inflate after the keys are moved out of the “run” position to “accessory” or “off.” In many cases, the answer is less than a second.

That led to the Chrysler inquiries, NHTSA said in a statement. “The agency examined all major manufacturers’



This July 17, 2007 file photo shows the 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan at the Four Seasons Hotel in Carlsbad, Calif.

air bag deployment strategies as they relate to switch position,” the agency said in a statement. “NHTSA will continue to refine its knowledge of these systems.”

On Wednesday, NHTSA posted documents on its website detailing an investigation of about 700,000 Dodge Journey SUVs and Chrysler Town and Country and Dodge Grand Caravan minivans from the 2008 to 2010 model years. The agency wants to see if the keys can fall out of the run position under “harsh roadway conditions.”

GM employee warned of stalling in Impalas in ‘05

WASHINGTON (AP)—General Motors employee Laura Andres was driving a 2006 Chevrolet Impala home when she hit a bump in the road. The engine stalled, and the Impala came to a dead stop. The car behind her had to swerve to avoid a collision. Andres took the car into the shop, and a technician identified the most likely culprit as a faulty ignition switch.

In an e-mail to 11 GM colleagues, she wrote: “I think this is a serious safety problem ... I’m thinking big recall.”

Andres wrote the e-mail Aug. 30, 2005. The Impala

was finally recalled Monday—eight and a half years after she sounded the alarm. GM said a key with too much weight on it can cause the switch to move from “run” to “accessory” and stall the engine.

Still, Andres warning came back to haunt GM Wednesday in a congressional hearing into faulty ignition switches that have been linked to 13 deaths and have forced GM to recall 2.6 million small cars, such as the Chevrolet Cobalt and Saturn Ion.

Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., confronted GM Chief Executive Mary Barra with Andres’

e-mail.

“I was driving 45 mph when I hit the pothole and the car shut off,” Andres wrote. “I don’t like to imagine a customer driving with their kids in the back seat, on I-75 and hitting a pothole, in rush hour traffic.”

Upton asked Barra what GM would do with such an e-mail if it were sent today. Barra said the company would “take immediate action” if a faulty part caused the car to stall. She said GM’s worldwide recall Monday of 3.4 million large cars, including 2006-2014 Impalas, showed how the company now reacts.

Yellen: US economy still needs help from Fed

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. economy still isn’t healthy enough to grow at a consistently strong pace without the Federal Reserve’s help.

That was the message Fed Chair Janet Yellen sent Wednesday at a news conference after the central bank ended a two-day policy meeting.

Yellen made clear that despite a steadily improving job market and signs of creeping inflation, the Fed sees no need to raise short-term interest rates from record lows anytime soon.

Her remarks followed a statement from the Fed that it would further slow the pace of its long-term bond purchases. The bond purchases have been intended to keep long-term loan rates low. But the Fed offered no clear signal about when it will start raising its benchmark short-term rate.

Stock investors appeared pleased with the message that rates would remain low. Major indexes surged more than half a percentage point, with the Standard & Poor’s 500 index

reaching a record. And the yield on the 10-year Treasury note dipped to 2.59 percent from 2.65 percent late Tuesday.

“The last thing that Janet Yellen wants is for the market to think she’s anywhere close to tightening,” said David Robin, managing director at the brokerage Newedge. “She nailed it.”

Most economists think a rate increase is at least a year away despite signs of rising inflation. At her news conference, Yellen downplayed inflation concerns.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

INVITATION TO BID
ITB14-GOV-115

San Antonio Basketball Court Facility and Amenities Rehabilitation
San Antonio Village, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider are soliciting sealed bids for the Rehabilitation of the San Antonio Basketball Court Facility, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at the Governor's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$50.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference/site visit for this project on Thursday, June 26, 2014, 9:00AM ChST at the project site, San Antonio Basketball Court. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM ChST, Tuesday, July 1, 2014 to the CIP Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408. All responses to questions should be shared with other prospective contractors.

Sealed bids must be marked "ITB14-GOV-115, San Antonio Basketball Court Facility and Amenities Rehabilitation". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 9:00 AM ChST Tuesday, July 15, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:00 AM ChST Tuesday, July 15, 2014 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than Tuesday, July 15, 2014 and must be received no later than Thursday, July 24, 2014 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 9:00 AM ChST Friday, July 25, 2014. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 AM ChST Tuesday, July 15, 2014.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and

b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash

2) US Government Securities

3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange

4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and

5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is sixty (60) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day, or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by sixty (60) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ELOY S. INOS, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

GRAVESITE MARKERS
RFP14-GOV-099

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude Hofschneider, are soliciting competitive sealed proposals according to the requirements of N.M.I.A.C. § 70-30.3-210 from qualified vendors to provide gravesite markers for the Marpi Public Cemetery on the Island of Saipan for a two-year period. Proposals are to include costs associated with provision of required markers and installation. The preferred material is a gray and white granite, inscribed following suggested design standards. Contractor will supply all required markers for a two-year period which is estimated to be approximately one hundred Gravesite Markers per year. Submitted proposals will be evaluated on a possible 100 points based on the following factors: proposed design and materials (40 points); cost (40 points); capacity of proposer (20 points). These evaluation factors are summarized in the table below.

Element	Points
Proposed Design and Materials	40 points
Cost	40 points
Capacity of Proposer	20 points
Total	100 points

Discussion with Responsible Proposer (s) and revisions to proposals

Discussions may be conducted with the responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to insure full understanding of, and responsiveness to, solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposal and such revisions may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. In conduction discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors. The successful proposer will be subject to a responsibility determination in compliance with NMIAC Section 70-30.3-245 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

AWARD

Award of contract shall be made to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined in writing to be the most advantageous to the government taking into consideration price and evaluation factors set forth in the request for proposal. No other factors or criteria shall be used in the evaluation. Proposals should address each item identified in the evaluation structure and must follow the proposal structure as identified in the proposal packet.

Proposal packets will be available on June 2, 2014 at Office of Capital Improvement - Juan Sablan Memorial Building - Capitol Hill (670-664-2375). All questions regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 17, 2014 (ChST) to the Office of Capital Improvement via fax to (670-664-2408). The selected vendor will be required to comply with all applicable Commonwealth and Federal laws. All proposals must be in a sealed envelope or container and marked "RFP14-GOV-099 Gravesite Markers" on the exterior and include an original and four copies. Proposals must be submitted no later than 10:0AM, June 24, 2014 (ChST) to:

**Herman S. Sablan, Director
Marianas Procurement & Supply - Lower Base Drive
P.O. Box 510008 CK, Saipan, MP 96950**

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Proposers bear all risk concerning delivery. For further information contact Carl Castro at the Office of Capital Improvement (670) 664-2375. All proposals become the property of the Commonwealth.

Nation

US aims for trial of Benghazi suspect held on ship

WASHINGTON (AP)—The capture of an alleged leader of the deadly 2012 attacks on Americans in Benghazi, Libya, gave U.S. officials a rare moment of good news. Now, they are preparing to try the captured Libyan in the U.S. court system and pledging to double down on catching others responsible for the deaths of the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans in the attacks.

U.S. officials said Ahmed Abu Khattala was being held on the USS *New York*, a Navy amphibious transport dock ship in the Mediterranean Sea. The officials spoke only on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the Libyan's whereabouts publicly by name.

Abu Khattala, who was captured Sunday on the outskirts of Benghazi by U.S. special forces, was headed to the United States to face what President Barack Obama called "the full weight of the American justice system."

The Benghazi attacks, and the Obama administration's conduct in the aftermath, have long been a source of festering political discord. And some Republicans on Capitol Hill were quick to voice skepticism about the administration's plans to try Abu Khattala like a civilian.

They urged the administration to get as much intelligence out of him as possible before anyone reads him his rights to remain silent, supplies him with a lawyer and prepares him for trial in a U.S. courtroom. In fact, Sen. Saxby Chambliss of Georgia, top Republican on the Senate

Benghazi attack and aftermath

U.S. special forces captured a suspected leader of the 2012 Benghazi, Libya, terror attacks in a secret raid on Sunday. Key events leading up to Ahmed Abu Khattala's capture:

Oct. 20, 2011 During civil war, longtime Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi killed

Sept. 11-12, 2012 Four Americans killed, including Ambassador Chris Stevens, in attack on U.S. mission and CIA station in Benghazi, Libya

Sept. 16 U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice says on Sunday talk shows that attack resulted from protests over anti-Muslim U.S.-made video, not pre-planned attack

Sept. 28 U.S. intelligence community says incident was deliberate and organized terror attack; unclear if it was directed by a group

July 15, 2013 U.S. Justice Department files criminal complaint against Khattala accusing him of "killing a person in the course of an attack on a federal facility"

Oct. 5 U.S. special forces snatch an al-Qaida leader in Tripoli, Libya, who was allegedly involved in the 1998 bombing of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania

Dec. 19 Four State Department officials relieved of duties after internal probe of Benghazi attack found management deficiencies that left security for consulate inadequate

Jan. 10, 2014 U.S. State Department adds Khattala and his group, Ansar al-Sharia, to its terrorist designation list; says he is responsible for Benghazi attack

Jan. 15 Senate Intelligence Committee report on Benghazi faults State Department for not increasing security despite warnings and faults CIA for not telling U.S. military about CIA outpost

Feb. 11 House Armed Services Committee report says there was no way for U.S. military to have responded in time to save lives of four Americans killed in Benghazi attack; debunks idea that White House ordered the military not to intervene

May 15 White House releases emails on the development of administration's talking points on Benghazi attack; shows CIA ordered scrubbing of references to terrorism

June 17 U.S. says special forces captured Khattala in raid on June 15 and he would be brought to U.S. for trial

Source: McClatchy Washington Bureau, The Washington Post, Congressional Research Service Graphic: Judy Treible © 2014 MCT



Intelligence Committee, said interrogation of the Libyan already was underway and "we hope to find out some positive things."

Some Republicans said Obama should be sending Abu Khattala to the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, instead of U.S. soil, so that he could be interrogated at length.

"The president is more focused on his legacy of closing

Guantanamo Bay than preventing future terrorist attacks like what happened in Benghazi," Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., said.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., countered that Abu Khattala can be brought to justice in U.S. courts "just as we have successfully tried more than 500 terrorism suspects since 9/11." He said sending the Libyan to

Guantanamo would be taking "the easy way out."

National Security Council spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden said in an email statement: "We have not added a single person to the GTMO (Guantanamo) population since President Obama took office, and we have had substantial success delivering swift justice to terrorists through our federal court system."

GOP leader: Obama may act in Iraq without signoff

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama and congressional leaders believe he does not need authorization from Congress for some steps he might take to quell the al-Qaida-inspired insurgency sweeping through Iraq, the Senate's top Republican and Capitol Hill aides said after the president briefed senior lawmakers Wednesday.

Still, the prospect of the president sidestepping Congress raises the potential for clashes between the White House and rank-and-file lawmakers, particularly if Obama should launch strikes with manned aircrafts or take other direct U.S. military action in Iraq. Administration officials have said airstrikes have become less a focus of recent deliberations but have also said the president could order such a step if intelligence agencies can identify clear targets on the ground.

Obama huddled in the Oval Office for over an hour to discuss options for responding the crumbling security situation in Iraq with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., Senate Minority Leader Mitch McCo-

nnell, R-Ky., House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Speaking to reporters as he returned to the Capitol, McConnell said the president "indicated he didn't feel he had any need for authority from us for steps that he might take."

Pelosi concurred with the president, saying in a statement after the meeting that Obama does not need "any further legislative authority to pursue the particular options for increased security assistance discussed today." She did not specify what options were discussed.

An administration official said it was the leaders who suggested Obama already had existing authorities to take additional action in Iraq without further congressional authorization. The official downplayed the notion that Obama agreed with that assessment, saying only that the president said he would continue to consult with lawmakers.

The White House has publicly dodged questions about

whether Obama might seek congressional approval if he decides to take military action. Last summer, Obama did seek approval for possible strikes against Syria, but he scrapped the effort when it became clear that lawmakers would not grant him the authority.

However, administration officials have suggested that the president may be able to act on his own in this case because Iraq's government has requested U.S. military assistance.

Teen stowaway can't believe he survived flight

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—A Somali immigrant who survived an arduous flight to Hawaii stowed away in a jet's wheel well says he was trying to reach his mom, a refugee in Ethiopia who says her teenage son broke down in tears this week during their first call since his ordeal.

Mother Ubah Mohammed Abdule, who is seeking U.S. asylum, told The Associated Press Wednesday her son, who she hasn't seen in eight years, cried on the phone Tuesday and told her he thought she was dead.

"He says, 'Mom you are not dead for sure? I thought you died in a boat trip. This is incredible news.' Then he became silent for a moment. Then he cried," she said.

Yahya Abdi, 15, said Tuesday that he ran away from his Santa Clara home, hopped a fence at Mineta San Jose International Airport in April and climbed aboard the Hawaiian Airlines plane because it was the first flight he could find heading west, and he wanted to go see his mother. Yahya, who described crouching in the wheel well and covering his ears at take-off, made his first public comments during a Google Chat on Tuesday to KPIX-5 (http://cbsloc.al/1IClv4g).

"It was above the clouds, I could see through the little holes," Yahya said, who gave short, stilted answers.

When asked if he can believe he survived the trip, Yahya paused several seconds: "Uh, no." But he also said he wasn't scared.

Pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, a public meeting will be held as part of the federal performance evaluation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The meeting will be held at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at the Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Beach Road, Susupe, Saipan.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive public comments regarding the operation and implementation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Coastal Management Program.

Written comments are encouraged, and participation at the public meeting is not required for submission. Written comments should be sent to Susie Holst, NOAA/NOS/OCRM, University of New Hampshire, Gregg Hall room 148, 35 Colovos Road, Durham, NH 03824, or via email to Susie.Holst@noaa.gov no later than Friday August 15, 2014.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH ALDAN REYES, Deceased. } Civil Action } No. 14-0127 } NOTICE OF HEARING/ NOTICE TO CREDITORS }

TO: THE HEIRS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND CREDITORS OF THE DECEDENTS OR OF THEIR ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Maria Margarita Muna Reyes has filed a Petition For Letters of Administration in the above-entitled Estate proceeding pursuant to Rule NMI R. of Prob. P. 15.

A hearing on the petition will be conducted by the Court on **July 22, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.**, in Courtroom 223, Superior Court. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why the order should not be made.

Pursuant to NMI R. of Prob. P. 21, notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Decedent or his Estate that they must file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of the publication of this notice. A copy of the claim of any creditor should be sent to F. Matthew Smith at the above indicated address.

Reference is hereby made to the petition for further particulars.

SO NOTICED this 17th day of June, 2014.

/s/ F. MATTHEW SMITH (F0264)
Attorney for Petitioner

HUGE RELOCATING-GARAGE SALE

WHEN : Saturday, June 21, 2014 @ 9:00 am

WHERE : Law Office of Timothy H. Bellas, corner of Cactus and Botones Streets—Garapan (right behind QQ Car Rental)

WHAT : Home and Office Furniture, home décor and accessories, teak table and chairs, file cabinets, inflatable boat, other boat parts and accessories, paint, oil and miscellaneous hardware, ropes, 10,000 watt generator and too many other items to list everything.

EVERYTHING MUST GO

CALL 323-2115 if you need directions.



Procurement And Supply CNMI Government



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP NO.: RFP14-CHCC-111

SUBMISSION DATE: JULY 14, 2014

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Asia

Vietnam, China make no progress in oil rig talks

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—A top Chinese diplomat and Vietnamese officials made no progress in talks Wednesday about an increasingly bitter confrontation over a giant oil rig China deployed in the disputed South China Sea, officials said.

State Councilor Yang Jiechi is the most senior Chinese diplomat to visit Vietnam since China placed the rig off the Vietnamese coast last month. Both countries have accused the other of violating their territorial rights and instigating clashes

between ships around the rig.

A Vietnamese official familiar with the talks said no progress was made during the discussion between Yang and Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Pham Binh Minh. The official spoke on condition of anonymity be-

cause he was not authorized to speak to the media.

He said the two sides still insisted on their opposing positions.

China's Foreign Ministry said Yang blamed Vietnam for interfering with the rig's operations and causing the present difficulties in their relations.

Yang said Vietnam should stop the disruptions and take measures to secure Chinese property and people in Vietnam, according to an account of his remarks released by ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying.

The rig's deployment in early May triggered anti-China demonstrations and some

turned to riots, which resulted in the deaths of five Chinese nationals and injuries to hundreds more. Hundreds of factories were damaged and dozens were burned. Many of them were built with Taiwanese investment.

Yang also met with Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung and Communist Party chief Nguyen Phu Trong.

Dung told Yang that China's placement of the oil rig in Vietnamese-claimed waters was a "grave violation of Vietnamese sovereignty, ... threatening peace, security, maritime and aviation safety in the region," Vietnam's Ministry of Foreign

Affairs said. It said he demanded that China withdraw the rig and the vessels escorting it and resolve disputes by peaceful means in accordance with international law.

The two ideological allies fought a brief border war in 1979, and skirmishes also occurred in 1988 when China used force to occupy Johnson South reef in the Spratlys. Relations were normalized in 1991.

China claims most of the South China Sea, rich in natural resources and one of the world's busiest sea lanes, bringing it into disputes with neighbors, including the Philippines, a U.S. ally.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Indonesia shuts down massive prostitution complex

SURABAYA, Indonesia (AP)—Officials officially shut a massive prostitution complex in Indonesia's second-largest city on Wednesday amid protests by sex workers, who said their livelihoods were being destroyed. The mayor of Surabaya, Tri Rismaharini, announced the closure of the "Dolly" prostitution complex in a ceremony at the city's Islamic Center Building, about a mile (two kilometers) away. A Cabinet minister and the governor of East Java attended the ceremony, where about 100 local figures signed a statement supporting the closure of one of Southeast Asia's largest red-light districts. About a thousand Muslims rallied at the Islamic Center to express their support.

Malaysia searches for 26 missing after boat sinks

BANTING, Malaysia (AP)—Malaysian rescuers intensified a search Thursday for 26 people who remained missing after an overcrowded wooden boat carrying Indonesians home in a storm sank in choppy seas. Nine people died and at least 62 people survived. The boat capsized in the early hours Wednesday about 2 nautical miles (3.7 kilometers) from shore on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur while trying to leave Malaysia illegally for Aceh province in Indonesia. Maritime agency official Mohamad Hambali Yaakup said more vessels and divers were deployed in the search Thursday. A ship, 24 boats and a helicopter with some 160 staff from the maritime agency, police and the fire department were scour-

ing the area, he said.

Families of Flight 370 passengers seek information

BEIJING (AP)—About two dozen relatives of Chinese passengers on the missing Malaysia Airlines flight demanded more information at a Beijing building that houses the airline's regional office on Wednesday, more than three months after the plane disappeared en route to the city. Under the tight watch of at least a dozen Chinese police and several building employees, the relatives were kept from entering the office building. Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 is thought to have crashed in the southern Indian Ocean on March 8 with 239 passengers and crew on board, but a seabed search has found no trace of the plane.



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World

Iraq’s al-Maliki extends overtures to rivals

BAGHDAD (AP)—Iraqi forces and Sunni militants battled fiercely for control of the nation’s largest oil refinery on Wednesday as Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki went on a diplomatic offensive, reaching out in a televised address to try to regain support from the nation’s disaffected Sunnis and Kurds.

Meanwhile, the government asserted that it had retaken partial control of a strategic city near the border with Syria.

Al-Maliki’s conciliatory words, coupled with a vow to teach the militants a “lesson,” came as almost all Iraq’s main communities have been drawn into a spasm of violence not seen since the dark days of sectarian killings nearly a decade ago.

The U.S. has been pressing al-Maliki to adopt political inclusion and undermine the insurgency by making overtures to Iraq’s once-dominant Sunni minority, which has long complained of discrimination by his government and abuses by his Shiite-led security forces.



In this Tuesday, June 17, 2014 image taken from video obtained from British Broadcaster Sky, which has been authenticated based on its contents and other AP reporting, Kurdish soliders aim their weapons towards positions held by fighters of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant near Jalula, Iraq.

In Washington, President Barack Obama briefed leaders of Congress on options for quelling the al-Qaida-inspired insurgency, though White House officials said the president had made no decisions

about how to respond to the crumbling security situation in Iraq. While Obama has not fully ruled out the possibility of launching airstrikes, such action is not imminent, officials said, in part because intelligence agencies have been unable to identify clear targets on the ground.

Al-Maliki, a Shiite, has rejected charges of bias against Iraq’s Sunnis and Kurds and has in recent days been stressing that the threat posed by the militant Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, or ISIL, will affect all Iraqis regardless of their ethnic or religious affiliations. He also rejects any suggestion that the Islamic State and other extremist groups enjoy support by disaffected Sunnis fed up with his perceived discrimination.

In a move apparently de-

signed to satisfy Obama’s demand for national reconciliation, al-Maliki expressed optimism in a televised address Wednesday over what he called

KIEV, Ukraine (AP)—The new president of Ukraine promised on Wednesday that government troops would soon stop firing on pro-Russian armed separatists, offering a chance to end the fighting that has killed hundreds and wracked the industrial east.

In another concession to Moscow, Petro Poroshenko replaced his foreign minister, who had outraged Russians by using an obscenity to describe President Vladimir Putin.

An end to the two months of fighting and a promised safe exit for rebels would allow Putin to say that Russia has fulfilled its goal of protecting Russian speakers in eastern Ukraine, while Poroshenko can claim victory over the rebellion.

The Ukrainian president discussed his plan for a unilateral

Shiite holy cities under threat from Sunni militants; Iran says it will help Iraq defend the shrines



the rise by all of Iraq’s political groups to the challenge of defending the nation against the militant threat.

The crisis has led Iraqis to rediscover “national unity,” he said. “I tell all the brothers there have been negative practices by members of the military, civilians and militiamen, but that is not what we should be discuss-

Ukraine’s president offers cease-fire in east

cease-fire in a phone call with Putin late Tuesday, their offices said, and Poroshenko also spoke with German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Russia’s foreign minister cautiously welcomed the move, but voiced concern that it could be a ruse. One key question is whether Moscow is willing and able to persuade the pro-Russia insurgents to accept Poroshenko’s plan.

Rebel leaders have remained defiant, but in a sign of behind-the-scenes maneuvering, some of them visited Moscow this week to meet with senior officials and lawmakers.

The two sides managed to arrange a brief truce Wednesday evening in the eastern town of Karlivka to allow pro-Russian forces to hand over the bodies of 49 Ukrainian troops who died

ing,” al-Maliki said. “Our effort should not be focused here and leave the larger objective of defeating ISIL.”

Late Tuesday, the prime minister appeared on television with Sunni and Kurdish leaders. They issued a joint statement about the need to close ranks and stick to “national priorities” in the face of the threat posed by the militants.

Still, al-Maliki’s outreach remain largely rhetoric, with no concrete action to bridge differences with Sunnis and Kurds, who have been at loggerheads with the prime minister over their right to independently export oil and over territorial claims.

Al-Maliki’s upbeat assessment came as the military said government forces had repelled repeated attacks by the militants on the country’s largest oil refinery and retaken parts of the strategic city of Tal Afar, near the Syrian border.

when the separatists shot down a transport plane bound for the airport in Luhansk last weekend.

But after the truck carrying the remains had passed to the Ukrainian side, both sides fell back to their respective positions. A pro-Russian fighter, whose face was covered with a bandanna and identified himself only by his nom-de-guerre, Sova, said the cease-fire was over. “The war will go on until we win,” he said.

U.N. Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights Ivan Simonovic called Poroshenko’s cease-fire announcement “a timely initiative.” But he stressed that it was “a real challenge” because U.N. human rights monitors in eastern Ukraine believe there are at least three distinct armed groups that don’t fully coordinate.

WORLD BRIEFS

Snacks, no banquet, for frugal new Spanish king

MADRID (AP)—Crown Prince Felipe ascended to the Spanish throne at midnight Wednesday, but there weren’t any ritzy official celebrations. The economic crisis that has left a quarter of Spaniards out of work prompted Europe’s newest king to be relatively frugal at his proclamation. The crown prince’s father, 76-year-old Juan Carlos, misjudged public anger at financial hardship when he went on an elephant-hunting safari in Africa. Felipe, 46, appears keen to show he’s more in tune with his countrymen—and avoid the mistakes of his abdicating predecessor.

14 dead in bombing of WCup view site in Nigeria

DAMATURU, Nigeria (AP)—Survivors of a bomb blast at an illegal World Cup viewing site in northeast Nigeria that killed at least 14 people said Wednesday the force of the explosion blew off limbs and knocked people senseless. Unrelated to the attack, police said security forces arrest-

ed nearly 500 people, including a “terror kingpin” in the southeast of the country. At least 26 people were wounded in Tuesday night’s blast as soccer fans were viewing the Brazil-Mexico match in Damaturu, the capital of Yobe state, police said.

Luxembourg approves same sex marriage

LUXEMBOURG (AP)—Lawmakers in Luxembourg, whose prime minister is openly gay, overwhelmingly approved changes in the small European nation’s legislation governing marriage on Wednesday that will allow people of the same sex to wed and to adopt children. The Chamber of Deputies voted 56-4 to adopt the bill, which is said to be part of the most fundamental rewrite of Luxembourg’s laws on marriage since 1804. The chamber’s website said the new rules could take effect in early 2015, or six months after their official publication. The Human Rights Campaign, a U.S.-based organization in favor of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights, commended Luxembourg on its decision.

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Daily Mass of Intentions are being celebrated each morning at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00am and Holy Rosary is being recited nightly at 7:00pm at Kristo Rai Church.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, June 23, 2014.

His remains lies in state at Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel.

He will be escorted to Kristo Rai Church at 7:30am Responso Service will be at 8:00am and Solemn Rosary will be recited at 8:15am.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am and Interment Service will take place at his mausoleum at Santuario PAX Memorial Gardens where he will be at a peaceful rest.

Please join us in prayers,

Queenie Wu Cabrera and Letitia Wu Cabrera

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†Jose Camacho Cabrera and †Rita Cruz Cabrera



Off The Wall

Fierce feline who terrorized family stumps TV host

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—In what truly epitomized the title of his TV show, “My Cat From Hell,” feline behaviorist Jackson Galaxy is calling his attempt to tame the Portland cat notorious for attacking a baby and boxing his panicked owners into a bedroom “the hardest case I have ever worked.”

It got more difficult after the happy ending for the cat named Lux soon unraveled.

In the reality show that aired last weekend, Galaxy persuades another Portland couple to take Lux while the cat is treated with antidepressants and anti-seizure medication. A veterinarian diagnosed Lux with feline hyperesthesia syndrome, which can trigger violent behavior.

But after the episode’s taping, Lux attacked his new guardians and they gave him up for their own safety.

“It was the worst letdown,” Galaxy told The Associated Press on Tuesday. “I don’t think I’ve ever had a bigger shock. This is the hardest case I have ever worked.”

But take heart, Lux supporters.

The 4-year-old cat has become Galaxy’s buddy, and the reality star says he hasn’t given up. He’s placed Lux in a veterinary clinic



This undated photo provided by Animal Planet shows Jackson Galaxy, host of Animal Planet’s “My Cat From Hell,” with a cat named Lux, in Portland, Ore.

The cat’s eyes are dilated, a sign of distress. He growls.

After making eye contact at the cat’s level and offering treats, Galaxy is able to pick up Lux and put him on his lap. The cat returns Galaxy’s affection as the tattooed TV host pets him.

“I do not see a vicious cat,” Galaxy says. “I do not see a killer.”

In the show, Galaxy temporarily puts Lux in the care of another couple to see whether the cat would be violent in a different home. Lux attacked one of its new owners. A Portland veterinarian suggests Lux be medicated, and the new owners agree to take Lux back.

At first, it went well. But after the show wrapped, the couple called Galaxy to say the cat had

several violent episodes.

Galaxy said the cat was a danger to them and he understands why they couldn’t keep him.

Despite the outbursts, everyone seems to fall for Lux, a long-haired cat with a sweet face. That’s the case for Galaxy, who has dealt with thousands of difficult cats.

“I fell in love with him the second I met him,” Galaxy said. “He’s the sweetest boy in the world.”

The reality star has made saving Lux from euthanasia his personal crusade.

The cat is at a clinic—Galaxy won’t divulge the location—where specialists are trying to better understand the complicated feline. Galaxy works with them on treatment, and it’s going well so far.

The medication is starting to work. Staff members at the clinic put Lux in different social situations to see how he responds. Galaxy hopes they can modify Lux’s behavior so the cat can someday find a home.

In their first encounter, Galaxy walks into a bedroom where the cat’s fearful owners have sequestered him. Galaxy sees Lux peeking out from behind a box.

Blind man hears, feels his way to mechanic degree

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP)—A blind New Mexico man who recently earned an auto mechanics degree is looking for a job.

Clifford Alderson, 48, a graduate from a joint New Mexico State University-Dona Ana Community College program, earned his degree by listening and learning to feel his way around the vehicle, KOAT-TV reported.

Born with retinitis pigmentosa, a genetic disease that led to his blindness, Alderson got his on-the-job training at a small auto shop in Alamogordo and plans on making a career out of his talents.

His mother has the disease, as

does his 15-year-old daughter, Lydia.

“When I graduated it didn’t feel like I graduated. I felt like I was in a dream,” said Alderson, who walks with a collapsible cane.

Damian Orchard, of All Makes Automotive, says, for the most part, he could just tell Alderson what needed to be done on a car and Alderson takes care of the rest.

“A good majority of (the repairs) I could turn Cliff loose, once I told him what we needed to do,” Orchard said.

Orchard told the Albuquerque Journal that the repairs Al-

derson can tackle include brake jobs, shocks, water and power steering pumps, alternators, and changing hoses.

Joe Retana, a professor at the auto mechanics program, said Alderson is an enthusiastic person who never let any disability get in the way.

“He’s very exciting and he’s a go-getter,” Retana said. “Nothing seems to stop him.”

Alderson said he hopes he has inspired his daughter by graduating.

Alderson has not landed a full-time job but says he’s optimistic.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Alaska black bear, cubs steal kids’ lunch boxes

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Witnesses say a black bear and two cubs that have been frequenting midtown Anchorage stole several lunch boxes at a children’s day camp on the Alaska Pacific University campus. Katie Adrian, program manager at the summer program run by Camp Fire USA, tells The Anchorage Daily News the bears wandered onto the school’s soccer fields Monday, soon after the campers ate lunch at picnic tables and left behind some snacks. The bears carried a few lunch boxes into the woods and dug in. The bears weren’t aggressive, and camp staff corralled the kids. After this, she says the campers will eat elsewhere and store their food indoors.

Man tried to toss drug-filled football into prison

JACKSON, Mich. (AP)—Michigan authorities say a man tried to throw a football loaded with drugs and cellphones into the yard of a state prison. State Trooper Toby Baker says Sunday’s throw in Jackson fell short, with the football landing between two fences, not in the yard where prisoners exercise. An officer at the G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility saw the man throw the football, and officers arrested the suspect. The Detroit Free Press and the Jackson Citizen-Patriot

say the ball contained heroin, marijuana, tobacco, three cellphones and chargers. Twenty-two-year-old Christen D. Moore was arraigned Tuesday in Jackson District Court on contraband charges and ordered jailed on a \$50,000 bond. His probable-cause hearing is June 30.

Officials: New Mexico bus driver had sex on job

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—A bus driver in New Mexico’s largest city was fired after surveillance cameras caught him in a sex act with a woman while at work, Albuquerque transportation official said. According to the video, the driver stopped at a park and ride on the morning of May 6 and a woman walked onto the bus without paying her fare, KOAT-TV reports. On the video, Alex Gonzales is heard saying, “You know what time it is!” There was no one else on the bus, according to the video. After the act, Gonzales said, “Man, if I could sell that I could make a million dollars.” Officials say a patron pushing a baby stroller saw the lewd act and filed a complaint. The driver, 14-year veteran with the city, was fired last week following an investigation. “I was raised to be a gentleman,” Albuquerque Ride spokesman Rick De Reyes said. “And I’m hoping I’m keeping up to that standard. For me to describe what’s on this video makes me very uncomfortable.”

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Mass of Intentions will begin on Friday, June 20th thru June 28th, 2014 at the following places and time.

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Sunday, June 22 nd	Santa Remedios Church	8:00AM
Monday, June 23 rd	Santa Remedios Church	6:00PM
Tuesday, June 24 th	San Roque Church	6:00PM
Wednesday, June 25 th	Kristo Rai Church	6:00PM
Thursday, June 26 th	San Roque Church	6:00PM
Friday, June 27 th	Santa Remedios Church	6:00PM
Saturday, June 28 th	Santa Remedios Church	6:00PM

On the final day, June 28th, 2014 (Saturday), we invite family and friends to join us for dinner at the Tanapag Social Hall immediately after mass.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Thank You, Si Yu’us Ma’ase and Domo Arigato Gozaimasu

Carmen Tudela Cabrera-Pangelinan,
Children and Family

Science & Technology

Amazon unveils Fire Phone with fast track to online shopping

By JAY GREENE
THE SEATTLE TIMES

SEATTLE—Amazon.com Inc. unveiled the Fire Phone smartphone Wednesday, featuring a way to differentiate the device from rivals with technology that identifies book covers, labels and barcodes to make shopping easier.

“Can we build a better phone for our most engaged

customers? Can we build a better phone for our Amazon Prime members?” Amazon Chief Executive Jeff Bezos asked at the device’s launch in Seattle. “I’m excited to tell you the answer is yes.”

The phone, scheduled to ship July 25, will be offered exclusively on AT&T’s network and will cost \$199 for a two-year contract on AT&T for a phone with 32 gigabytes of storage.

That includes 12 months of Prime membership, which costs \$99 a year.

The Fire Phone is Amazon’s latest bid to more deeply control the devices that run the content it sells. The company first jumped into the device business in 2007, when it debuted its Kindle e-reader. Since then, it has launched the Kindle Fire tablet line and, in April, the Fire TV set-top box.

The Fire Phone, which sports a 4.7-inch screen, will have 2 gigabytes of RAM, a 2.2-gigahertz quad-core processor and a 13-megapixel camera.

The phone also features Firefly, Amazon’s new technology to facilitate easier shopping. Customers can use the camera to tap into serv-

ers to find data about items in front of them. Firefly can also use the phone’s microphone to determine the name of a song playing nearby or a television program on a TV.

With that information, Amazon can offer consumers the ability to buy those items or just learn more about them from the Web.

Bezos is so keen on Firefly that Amazon has included a dedicated Firefly button on the Fire Phone to make it easy for customers to use.

“Firefly is so easy to access. Customers are going to love this,” Bezos said.

The device also comes with a feature called “dynamic perspective,” which lets users tilt the phone to navigate websites, fly through items on Amazon’s shopping site, and dig out new information from a map application.

With a news story from a website, users can gently tilt the phone up and the story will slowly scroll on its own. On Amazon’s site, users can tilt up and down to get a close up of a particular product. When listening to a song, users can tilt the phone to see the lyrics and tilt back to see the album art.

Google disruption in China seen as govt crackdown

BEIJING—When Yi Ran is working on new designs for his Yinshen Clothing company, he often turns to Google to search for pictures to use as inspiration. “The results are more complete and objective than Chinese search services,” the 30-year-old from Guangzhou said.

But for the past two weeks, when Yi has tried to call up the U.S. search engine, it’s been unavailable—as have a wide variety of other Google services, including Gmail, Google Books, Google Scholar and even country-specific search pages like Google.de, the company’s German home page.

Chinese authorities have given no explanation for the disruption, which began about five days before the 25th anniversary of the crackdown on pro-democracy protesters that culminated June 4, 1989, at Tiananmen Square in Beijing. Certain Google services such

as YouTube have been totally unavailable in China for years, and politically sensitive periods like the Tiananmen anniversary often bring intensified, if temporary, censorship of many foreign news websites and Internet search terms.

But experts said the current broad-based and prolonged disruption of Google offerings seems to be an escalated—and possibly long-term—crackdown on the Mountain View, Calif.-based Internet giant.

“It would be wrong to say this is a partial block. It is an attempt to fully block Google and all of its properties,” said a founder of GreatFire.org, a well-known website that has been monitoring China’s Internet censorship program since 2011. The founder said via phone that the site’s administrators do not disclose their names publicly because of the sensitive nature of the

content on their site. He would not reveal his real name, apparently fearing retribution.

So far, Google is taking a low-key approach. Spokesman Matt Kallman said the company had “checked extensively and there are no technical problems on our side” but refused to comment further. According to Google’s Transparency Report, an ongoing update on worldwide service disruptions to the company’s products, the slowdown in traffic from China began May 31.

Tensions between Beijing and Washington over cybersecurity have been escalating in recent weeks. Last month, the U.S. Justice Department formally charged five Chinese military officers with hacking into American companies and stealing trade secrets; China then said it would implement a security review on imported technology equipment.



Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos introduces the new Amazon Fire Phone, Wednesday, June 18, 2014, in Seattle. AP

TECH Q&A

Email safety plan locks out users

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: I recently returned to Australia after six weeks of traveling to Thailand, England and Scotland. I didn’t take my laptop along on this trip because I had planned to use computers belonging to friends, or those in Internet cafes.

But in Bangkok, London and Edinburgh, I was denied access to my Hotmail email account when I tried to sign in. I had no way to receive a special password that would allow me to sign in using a “foreign” computer. That meant I couldn’t get information from my contact and address list.

What should I do when I travel overseas again?—Michael Crouche, Perth, Australia

ANSWER: You’ve encountered a serious Catch-22 in computer security: Microsoft blocked you from using your email in order to make your email safer to use.

Here’s what happened. Microsoft has long been accused of lax security for its free email service, Hotmail. (The service

is now called “Outlook.com” but still uses existing Hotmail addresses.) To counteract that, Microsoft put such stringent safeguards in place that Hotmail/Outlook became inconvenient to use while traveling in the United States, and nearly impossible to use while traveling internationally.

The safeguard was this: Anyone more than 300 miles from home who tried to use someone else’s PC—each computer has an identifying number—to access a Hotmail/Outlook email account needed a special one-time identifying code number to access the account. Microsoft would send the special code number to an alternate email address from another email provider who didn’t restrict travelers from using their email, or to a cellphone via text message.

Microsoft said the extra security was for the protection of Hotmail/Outlook users, because it prevented unauthorized people from accessing and tampering with email accounts, which had been a problem in the past. And, in truth, the concept wasn’t wildly different from what credit card companies do

to prevent fraud. If you charge something outside the geographic area where you live, the card company often will call you to verify that it was you who made the purchase.

But while Microsoft’s intentions were good, its alternate email idea was silly. Microsoft apparently didn’t realize that most people aren’t so tech-minded as to have multiple email addresses with different providers. At least in the United States, where people carry their cellphones, sending the special code via text message was workable.

But international travelers, who often leave their cellphones home rather than buy high-priced international phone service, were shut out of their Hotmail/Outlook email altogether because they had no way to receive the special code.

Needless to say, Microsoft has taken some heat for this in online user forums. And as of mid-June, it has begun a new policy: Travelers can either use the special code to gain access to the locked email account, or use date-of-birth as the code.

Steve Alexander covers technology for the Minneapolis Star Tribune.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

†Harold Arthur Burnette, Sr.

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In His New Life, He Now Joins †Antonia Soram Burnette who had gone before him and his son †Harold Arthur Burnette, Jr.

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Wife, Asuncion P. Burnette
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Daily Mass of Intention are being offered at 6:00p.m. at Santa Soledad Church in Kagman followed by Holy Rosary.

Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, June 24th, 2014.

His remains will lie in state at Santa Soledad Church from 7:30 a.m. for Responso Service and Holy Rosary.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Interment Service will follow at Santuario Pax Memorial Gardens where he will be at a peaceful rest with †Tona and †Harold Jr.

Please join us in prayers

The Family

Life & Style

Hillary book sales top 100,000 in first week

NEW YORK (AP)—Hillary Rodham Clinton’s “Hard Choices” sold more than 100,000 copies during its opening week, its publisher told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

“We’re elated,” said Simon & Schuster’s president and publisher, Jonathan Karp, who declined to offer a more specific sales figure. “This book is on a trajectory to be the best-selling nonfiction book of the year.”

“Hard Choices” sold well enough to earn the coveted No. 1 spot on the nonfiction hardcover list of The New York Times that comes out June 29. But its debut was also far slower than that for her previous memoir, “Living History,” which sold around 600,000 copies during its first week.

One likely difference: “Living History,” published in 2003, included her first extended comments on the affair



AP
Hillary Rodham Clinton listens before signing a copy of her book, “Hard Choices” on Tuesday June 10, 2014, at Barnes and Noble bookstore in New York.

between President Bill Clinton and White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Anticipation for “Hard Choices,” which covers

her four years as secretary of state, focused more on whether it would include any hints that she was running for president.

Jay Leno to win nation’s top humor prize in DC

WASHINGTON (AP)—Newly retired from “The Tonight Show,” Jay Leno is now being awarded the nation’s top humor prize for following in the tradition of satire and social commentary of Mark Twain, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts announced Wednesday.

Leno will be honored with the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor in a performance by his fellow comedians Oct. 19 in Washington. The show will be broadcast

nationally Nov. 23 on PBS stations.

The award recognizes people who have had an impact on American society through their humor and social commentary.

“Like Mark Twain, Jay Leno has offered us a lifetime’s worth of humorous commentary on American daily life,” said Kennedy Center Chairman



Leno

David Rubenstein in announcing the award. “For both men, no one was too high or too low to escape their wit, and we are all the better for it.”

After learning about the prize, Leno said in a statement that he’s honored and is a big fan of Twain’s. He joked that “A Tale of Two Cities” is one of

“Hard Choices,” which also included little about her contentious primary campaign against Barack Obama in 2008, ends with Clinton saying she is still undecided about seeking the presidency again.

Karp noted another possible reason that first-week sales were stronger for “Living History”: It was a memoir by a former first lady as opposed to a book about being secretary of state.

“First lady memoirs are always immense and immediate best-sellers,” said Karp, who cited books by Barbara Bush and by Laura Bush.

Both of Clinton’s memoirs have received mixed reviews, although that has not discouraged her most devoted fans. Some have been so anxious to see Clinton at one of her bookstore appearances that they have camped out on sidewalks the night before.

his favorite books. (But that novel was written by Charles Dickens.)

Leno inherited the “Tonight Show” seat from the legendary Johnny Carson in 1992, beating out David Letterman, and was the top-rated late-night host for years. Letterman was the first between them to win the Kennedy Center Honors, but Leno was first to win the top humor prize. But Kennedy Center producers aren’t weighing in on which man is funnier.

Wife wearies of sharing house with man’s band and brother

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: My husband, “Vinny,” and I were married 11 years when he left me for another woman. Eight months later he decided the grass wasn’t greener on that side of the fence and came back. Our marriage is better now than it was before the affair.

Seven months later his younger brother “Nicky” got divorced and moved in with us. A short while after that, Vinny and Nicky joined a band.

It has been a year now, and my brother-in-law is still here. I am more than ready for him to move out, but every time I mention it, Vinny says Nicky has “just” gone through a divorce and “we’re all he has.”

I hate all the time Vinny devotes to the band. I try not to complain because I know how much he enjoys it, but I’m miserable. They practice in our basement on Mondays and Wednesdays, and every Friday and Saturday night is spent performing.

I have no privacy! How do I get Nicky out of here? Should I push the issue with the band or let it go? My parents are furious with Vinny. They say he’s reliving his childhood, Nicky is taking advantage and Vinny is taking me for granted. Can you offer some advice?

HURTING IN NEW YORK

DEAR HURTING: Your brother-in-law should have been out of your house a month after he moved in. Tell Vinny you’ve had it with this experiment in communal living, set an exit date for Nicky and stick to it. If your husband refuses to listen to reason, then he is sending you a strong message that your wishes are not important.

As for Vinny’s participation in the band, he and the other band members must be talented or they wouldn’t be booked every Friday and Saturday night. Look at the bright side: When they’re rehearsing in your basement, at least you know where your husband is and what he’s doing. Marriage is a compromise, so learn to enjoy the music, but cultivate interests and hobbies of your own.

And last but not least, stop involving your parents in your problems. You’re a big girl now. If you don’t tell all, they’ll have fewer negative feelings about your husband.

DEAR ABBY: My 19-year-old daughter was married last year. We gave her a formal church wedding. Of the 100 guests invited, several were longtime co-workers, who took the time to purchase lovely gifts and travel two hours to the wedding. Some also gave cash gifts.

My daughter still hasn’t sent out thank-you cards. I see my co-workers week after week, and I’m humiliated. I have mentioned it to my daughter several times, but she says it’s too late to send them now. Abby, we raised her better than this. Every time I say anything about it, she gives me an argument.

Please help. This eats away at me every day. Should I take the reins and send a short letter of apology to these dear co-workers?

TORN UP IN TEXAS

DEAR TORN UP: A note of apology from you would ease the embarrassment you feel facing your co-workers, but it won’t put your daughter in a better light.

All you can do is remind her that a woman old enough to marry should be mature enough to write thank-you notes. And no law says her husband can’t pitch in and help. They are equally responsible, and failure to acknowledge any gift reflects poorly on them both.

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Bullock stalking suspect faces new weapons charges

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A man who pleaded not guilty to breaking into the home of actress Sandra Bullock has been charged with possessing an arsenal of heavy weapons authorities say they found at his home.

The Los Angeles County district attorney’s office charged Joshua James Corbett with 19 felony counts including seven counts of possessing a machine gun, two counts of possessing an assault weapon and 10 counts of possessing a destructive device. The destructive devices were described as tracer ammunition. Corbett pleaded not guilty Wednesday, and bail was set at \$2 million.

There’s no claim that Corbett brought weapons when police say he jumped Bullock’s fence and broke into her home June 8.

If convicted of the new charges, Corbett could face up to 12 years in prison.

Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony finalize divorce

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony’s divorce has been finalized nearly three years after the singers separated.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge John Sandoz finalized the couple’s breakup Monday, awarding the former couple joint legal custody of their 6-year-old twin children, court records show.

The pair agreed that Lopez will have their son and daughter most of time, with Anthony caring for them for seven days a month. The singers also agreed that no child or spousal support was necessary.

The singers also agreed to do whatever they can to shield their children from paparazzi and reporters. The judgment states both Lopez and Anthony recognize “that exposing the children to public spectacle and failing to shield the children from aggressive news organizations,

photographers, etc. is not the children’s best interest.”

The judgment was first reported Wednesday by celebrity website TMZ.

Anthony filed for divorce in April 2012 but the pair separated in July 2011.

Anthony’s latest Spanish album “3.0” has been a hit, and he announced earlier this year that he’s working an English-language pop album. Lopez released her latest album “A.K.A.” this week.

A judge hearing a dispute between Anthony and his ex-wife Dayanara Torres issued a proposed ruling June 11 that if finalized would require the Latin crooner to increase his child support to their two sons, ages 10 and 13, to nearly \$27,000 a month. Anthony is also required to pay \$12,000 a year for Torres’ and their sons’ vacation expenses, plus medical expenses and tuition costs.

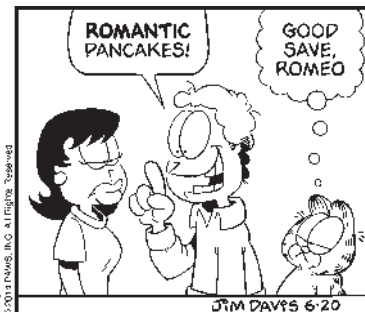
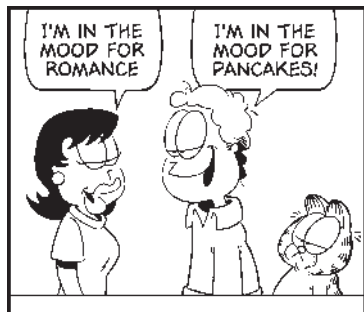
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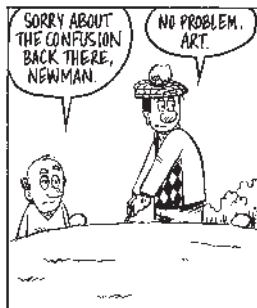


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Yesterday's answer 6-20

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Drea Walker, 28; Nicole Kidman, 47; John Goodman, 62; Lionel Richie, 65.

Happy Birthday: This is a year of giving and taking, contributing and asking for favors. Remember the past and get rid of what isn't working for you anymore. Begin a period of cleansing and focusing on the future and the accomplishments you want to pursue. There is no time to dilly-dally this year. It's onward and upward. Your numbers are 7, 12, 20, 26, 34, 38, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Open discussions will lead to innovative answers. Taking a creative, passionate approach to what you do will raise eyebrows but also bring you in contact with someone who is able to contribute. Do your best to stay within budget. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't take chances. Go through the proper channels. Problems while traveling and with communication will lead to setbacks. Focus on domestic matters, making a conscious effort to keep the peace and improve your surroundings. Self-help projects will pay off. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It's up to you to take action. Don't let what others do or say stand between you and success. You have the ability to motivate, captivate and get others to capitulate with ease, so do your magic and get things done. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Problems will develop if you let your emotions show or you make a change without giving enough thought to what the consequences might

be. Let your intuition guide you. Time is on your side, so don't feel pressured to make a move. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make the changes you've been contemplating, but let those who will be affected have advance notice. Not everyone will be in favor, but as long as you are upfront, you will be able to move forward. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll have to be careful what you say. Opposition is likely, and having concrete plans and explanations in place ready to counter any setbacks will be necessary. Preparation and organization will make the difference between success and failure. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Too little, too late will be what stands between you and what you want. Be prepared to speak from the heart and without reservation in order to ensure that you have a chance to fulfill your dreams. Emotions will be difficult to control. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Socializing with colleagues can lead to problems. You are better off investing time in creative investments that will give you the financial freedom you require to secure your position and your future. Romance will enhance your personal life. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Start the ball rolling. You can make improvements at home that will enhance your life and your relationship with someone special. Put a little muscle behind your plans, and you will save money by doing the work yourself. *****

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are best to be secretive about what you are up to or planning to do. An emotional confrontation will slow you down. Put your trust in your ability and what you feel works for you. Romance will ease your stress. **



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take a stab at doing something you've always wanted to do. Your ability to act fast will bring you the success you are looking for. Challenge yourself and you will be proud of your accomplishments. Financial gains can be made. ****



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take a moment to go over your current financial situation before you spend on something you cannot afford. An unrealistic approach to changes you want to make at home or with regard to a partnership will leave you in a precarious position. ***

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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6/20

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Guthrie, Royals win 10th straight, edge Tigers 2-1



NEW YORK
(AP)—The Kansas City Royals won their 10th straight

game, extending their best streak in 20 years when Jeremy Guthrie and a lucky hop helped them beat the Detroit Tigers 2-1 Wednesday.

The Royals have not won this many games in a row since a run of 14 straight in 1994. They extended their AL Central lead over the Tigers to 1 1/2 games.

Guthrie (4-6) allowed four hits and struck out nine in 6 2-3 innings. Drew Smyly (3-6) nearly matched him, but the Detroit left-hander was hurt by Alex Gordon's RBI single that deflected off second base in the first and a solo homer by Omar Infante in the fifth.

J.D. Martinez homered for the Tigers in the seventh, but the Kansas City bullpen got the last seven outs, with Greg Holland pitching the ninth for his 21st save in 22 chances.

Kansas City will try for a four-game sweep Thursday.



Kansas City Royals' Eric Hosmer, center, and teammates celebrate their 2-1 win over the Detroit Tigers in a baseball game in Detroit, Wednesday, June 18, 2014.

Red Sox 2, Twins 1, 10 innings

In Boston, Mike Napoli and David Ortiz hit consecutive homers with one out in the 10th inning as Boston rallied to hand Minnesota its fifth straight loss.

Boston was held to one hit—a fifth-inning double by Daniel Nava—before the homers.

The Twins took a 1-0 lead in the top of the 10th on Chris Parmelee's two-out home run off Koji Uehara (2-1), snpping the closer's scoreless streak at 21 2-3 innings. But after Dustin Pedroia flied out to begin the Boston 10th, the Red Sox connected against Casey Fien (3-4) to complete a three-game sweep.

Athletics 4, Rangers 2

In Oakland, California, Brandon Moss hit a tiebreaking double in the fifth inning as Sonny Gray pitched Oakland past Texas, giving the Athletics the best record in the majors.

Yoenis Cespedes and Josh Donaldson each had two hits for the A's. Oakland has won four of five and is a season-high 16 games over .500 at 44-28.

Gray (7-3) had won just two of his previous eight starts before going seven innings and striking out seven. Luke Gregerson pitched the eighth and Sean Doolittle worked the ninth for his ninth save.

Nick Tepesch (2-3) went five innings. Choo Shin-soo drove in both runs for the Rangers.

Yankees 7, Blue Jays 3

In New York, Brian McCann hit a go-

ahead, two-run homer and later added a bases-loaded triple to lead New York over first-place Toronto.

The Yankees beat Mark Buehrle for the ninth straight time and handed the Blue Jays their 15th loss in a row in the Bronx.

Rookie right-hander Chase Whitley (3-0) remained unbeaten in seven starts since making his big league debut this season.

Buehrle (10-4) gave up three runs and six hits in six innings and lost his third straight start overall. He is 1-11 against the Yankees, with his lone win coming in 2004 with the Chicago White Sox.

McCann tied his career high with five RBIs. His third major league triple was his first since 2009 with Atlanta. Toronto's Jose Bautista had an RBI double for his 1,000th career hit.

Orioles 2, Rays 0

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Kevin Gausman pitched six innings, Steve Pearce's double snapped a scoreless tie and Nelson Cruz added his major league-leading 22nd home run to help Baltimore beat Tampa Bay.

Pearce homered during a 7-5 victory Tuesday night and put the Orioles ahead this time with a line drive down the right-field line in the fifth.

Alex Cobb (2-5) would have made it through the inning unscathed if second baseman Ben Zobrist hadn't mishandled Nick Markakis' grounder

for an error.

Gausman (3-1) allowed five hits and struck out five, including Zobrist and James Loney after the Rays loaded the bases with no outs in the first.

The Rays were blanked for an AL-leading 11th time, finishing with five hits and going 0 for 7 with runners in scoring position.

White Sox 7, Giants 6

In Chicago, Jose Abreu hit his 20th homer, a two-run shot, and Adam Dunn added a three-run drive to help Chicago hand San Francisco its fifth straight loss.

White Sox ace Chris Sale (6-1) gave up three runs and eight hits in six-plus innings. Ronald Belisario got five outs for his seventh save.

Abreu reached 20 homers in his 58th game, the third-fewest in major league history behind Wally Berger (51) and Mark McGuire (56). Chicago swept the two-game series.

Giants starter Tim Hudson (7-3) allowed seven runs and 12 hits in 4 2-3 innings, his shortest outing this season. He entered with a major league-best 1.81 ERA.

Nationals 6, Astros 5

In Washington, Anthony Rendon homered to spark a three-run seventh inning, and pinch-hitter Nate McLouth came through with a tiebreaking sacrifice fly as Washington rallied past Houston for a two-game sweep.

The Nationals extended their NL East lead to 1 1/2 games over Atlanta and Miami. They open a four-game series against the Braves on Thursday night in Washington.

Ian Desmond hit a key double off Kyle Farnsworth (0-1) in the seventh. Aaron Barrett (3-0) got one out for the win and Rafael Soriano earned his 15th save.

Matt Dominguez drove in two runs for the Astros, who have lost three straight.

Phillies 10, Braves 5

In Atlanta, Ryan Howard capped a big series by driving in two runs with three hits as Philadelphia battered Aaron Harang to complete a three-game sweep of Atlanta.

Howard, who homered in the first two games of the series, doubled home a run in a five-run second inning and added an RBI single in the fifth. He had five hits, four walks and six RBIs in the series.

Marlon Byrd drove in three runs with three hits, including a homer. Five players each had three of Philadelphia's season-high 18 hits.

Evan Gattis hit a two-run homer in the Braves' four-run first inning off Roberto Hernandez (3-5). Ryan Doumit also homered and hit a two-run single.

Harang (5-6) allowed nine runs, eight earned, and 13 hits. He threw 115 pitches in five innings.

The Phillies have won seven of nine. Atlanta has lost eight of 12.

Mets 3, Cardinals 2

In St. Louis, Bartolo Colon worked eight dominant innings in 91-degree heat and keyed the go-ahead rally with his first career extra-base hit, helping New York beat St. Louis to avoid a three-game sweep.

Eric Young Jr. and David Wright each had an RBI in a two-run sixth that put the Mets up by a run. Young added an RBI double in the seventh, aided by Colon's second sacrifice of the game. A day after dropping their sixth straight series in St. Louis, the Mets ended an eight-game road losing streak dating to June 3.

Matt Carpenter hit his third career leadoff homer for the Cardinals, who lost for the second time in nine games. They had just one runner in scoring position against the 41-year-old Colon (7-5), who retired 13 in a row before Daniel Descalso's two-out single in the eighth.

Colon surprised Lance Lynn (7-5) with a double to open the sixth. The pitcher had been 0 for 43 at the plate since June 10, 2005, when he singled for the Angels against the Mets. He scored his second career run, and first since 2002 with the Expos, when Young followed with a double.

Colon won his fifth straight decision and needed just 86 pitches. He allowed four hits and walked none.

Left-hander Dana Eveland retired lefty swinging Matt Adams with a runner on for his second career save. The other came in 2005.

The Mets won for the fourth time in 15 games.

Cubs 6, Marlins 1

In Miami, Jake Arrieta had a career-high 11 strikeouts in seven innings, and Nate Schierholtz hit a three-run homer to lead Chicago over Miami.

By taking the rubber game of the three-game set, the last-place Cubs won consecutive road series for the first time since June 2013.

Marlins slugger Giancarlo Stanton hit his NL-leading 20th homer in the first but left the game after six innings with a bruised left wrist. Stanton said the injury wasn't serious, and he expected to be back in the lineup Thursday.

Arrieta (3-1) allowed five hits and one walk, lowering his ERA to 1.98. He also doubled for his first career extra-base hit.

Schierholtz connected off Nathan Eovaldi (4-3) in a four-run sixth. Starlin Castro had a pair of RBI doubles and a single.



WASHINGTON

(AP)—From an immediate, practical viewpoint, the ruling by a trademark board that the Washington Redskins have a "disparaging" nickname doesn't mean much. The team doesn't have to change a thing, and the matter will likely be tied up in courts for years.

From an emotional, intangible standpoint, however, the decision issued Wednesday by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is another boost for those who have been advocating change, increasing the financial and political pressure for a movement that has gained sig-

Ruling adds momentum for Redskins name change

nificant momentum over the last year and a half.

"I am a huge fan of the Washington football team, and I am also a huge fan of changing the name of the Washington football team," D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray said. "This is yet another step in that direction."

By a 2-1 vote, the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board sided with five Native Americans in a dispute that has been working its way through legal channels for more than two decades. It's a cascade in what has become a steady, almost daily, stream of

developments that have called the name into question, with political, religious and sports figures—including President Barack Obama—weighing in on the topic.

"Even though it doesn't have a practical effect right now for the team, the timing is right in the middle of when this tide of different players and Senators and people are talking about it," said Brad Newberg, a copyright law expert in Virginia. "It's probably not the best timing from the team's perspective."

The Redskins quickly an-

nounced they will appeal, and the team's name will continue to have trademark protection while the matter makes its way through the courts. A similar ruling by the board in 1999 was overturned on a technicality in 2003.

"We've seen this story before," Redskins attorney Bob Raskopf said. "And just like last time, today's ruling will have no effect at all on the team's ownership of and right to use the Redskins name and logo. We are confident we will prevail once again."

Raskopf also cited polls and anecdotal evidence that suggest most Native Americans support the name. Team owner Dan Snyder has long argued that the name is used with respect and honor, and is a source of pride among many American Indians. "There's no momentum in the place that momentum matters," Raskopf said. "And that's in Native America."

The ruling involves six uses of the Redskins name trademarked by the team from 1967 to 1990. It does not apply to the team's American

Indian head logo.

If it stands, the team still will be free to use the name, but it will be more difficult for the team to go after others who print the Redskins name on sweat-shirts, jerseys or other gear without permission.

"Joe in Peoria is going to have a pretty good argument that he could put the 'Redskins' name on some T-shirt," Newberg said.

Newberg estimated that the ruling, if upheld, could cost the team tens of millions of dollars per year. Forbes magazine puts the value of the Redskins franchise at \$1.7 billion and says \$145 million of that is attributable to the team's brand.

MP United, Kanoa shut out opponents

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MP United FC and Kanoa FC blanked separate foes in the penultimate week of the 2014 NMIFA Women's League.

Kanoa FC played in the final game last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field and cruised past Matansa FC, 4-0, while MP United suited up against Paire FC and also earned an easy win, 3-0.

All of MP United FC's goals came in the second half with Michelle Masga breaking the team's silence early in that frame. Kayla Ito then gave MP United its second goal midway in the final half, while Manami Tadokoro also made it to the scoreboard late in that period.

In the Kanoa FC-Matansa tiff, Marielle Gariguez led the former's rout of the latter after scoring twin goals. Gariguez found the back of the net early, getting her first goal in the third minute. She also kicked off Kanoa FC's offense in the second half after hitting her target in the 55th minute.

Jeralyn Castillo also contributed to Kanoa FC's cause with her goal in the 66th min-



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
An Independents FC player, left, dribbles against a Tan Holdings FC defender during their first round meeting in the NMIFA women's league last month at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

ute and the winning team got its fourth goal quickly off Friendly Joy Pena's conversion three minutes later.

In other results last Saturday, Independents FC and Tan Holdings FC settled for a 1-1 draw.

Renita Fleming put Tan Holdings in the board with her goal in the first half, but Independents FC equalized in the second half, thanks to Farleen Esmundo's shot.

Meanwhile, the women's league will conclude the spring season this Saturday, holding three games each in the morning and afternoon sessions. At 8pm, Matansa will collide against MP United, while Paire and Tan Holdings will meet at 10am, and Independents FC will take on Shirley's FC at 12pm. In the 4pm match, it will be Paire versus Kanoa FC, while Independents FC will face MP United at 6pm. Shirley's FC and Tan Holdings FC will close out the season when they duel at 8pm.

Standings in the women's league are still being finalized, along with the M-League, which concluded its season last Sunday. Official standings in both leagues will be reported in *Saipan Tribune* next week.

Routs mark opening of Tan Holdings caging

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Three teams kicked off their campaign in the 2014 Tan Holdings Inter-Company Basketball League on a high note after booking lopsided wins last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

In the curtain-raiser, Shirley's Coffee Shop whipped CTSI/D&Q/SSBC, 92-72, while in the second game Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan dominated POI Aviation, 88-73. Kanoa Resort joined Shirley's and Fiesta in the win column after spanking *Saipan Tribune*/Realty Management Services in the last game of the weekend, 82-66.

The opening day winners dominated their respective foes right from the get-go en route to the east victories.

Shirley's built a 20-9 advantage in the first period behind the 10 points of Fradel Sedillo. CTSI picked up its scoring in the second and third cantos, but was still outgunned by Shirley's, 22-19, and 24-15, to drop its first game of the season. CTSI managed to pick up garbage points in the final quarter to outscore Shirley's by three, 29-26.

Five players finished in double figures for Shirley's with shooter Vince Yap leading the way with his 17 points.

In the second game, Fiesta also established an early double-digit spread after the first frame and never looked back from thereon. Paul Quizon drilled 9 of his team-high 16 points in the opening quarter to lift Fiesta to a 20-10 lead, going into the second period. Quizon's teammates picked up in the last three quarter to protect Fiesta's comfortable advantage. Elmer Esdrelon and Adonis Macoto backed up Quizon, registering 13 and 12 points, respectively.

In the third match, Matt Duenas sizzled for 33 points to power Kanoa Resort to the 16-point victory.

The former Saipan Southern High School standout made his presence felt in the match right in the opening seconds, hitting a triple. He drained another shot from downtown late in the opening period and went on to finish the first 10 minutes of play with 12 big points to outscore the entire *Saipan Tribune*/RMS crew and hand Kanoa a promising 20-6 lead.

Duenas kept going in the last three quarters to match the output of Mark Rabago, who led *Saipan Tribune*/RMS' losing cause with his 33 markers.

First Game

Shirley's 92 – Yap 17, Jugos 16, Nicdao 15, Dela Rosa 11, Sedillo 11, Drilon 6, Aguda 5, Catungal 2.

CTSI/D&Q/SSBC 72 – Cornel 14, Eliesor 12, Nieves 10, Justin 6, Echavez 5, Rodial 4, Jinang 3, Conadalla 2, Skilang 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-9, 42-28, 66-43, 92-72.

Second Game

Fiesta Resort 88 – Quizon 16, Esdrelon 13, Macoto 12, Vergara 11, Demafelix 6, Jaret 5, Soriano 4, Villamena 4, Lavaros 2, Galas 2, Johnston 2.

POI 73 – Arago 22, Villanueva 21, Salamat 13, Tenepere 5, Acosta 3.

Scoring by quarters: 20-10, 44-25, 66-54, 88-73.

Third Game

Kanoa Resort 82 – Duenas 33, Armia 12, Usi 11, Kaipat 8, Arroz 7, Cruz 5, Bustillo 3, Villanuna 2.

Saipan Tribune/RMS 66 – Rabago 33, Dela Torre 11, J. Ong 7, Angeles 6, Caduan 5, O. Ong 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-6, 32-22, 56-38, 82-66.



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Kanoa Resort's Matt Duenas splits the defense of *Saipan Tribune*/RMS' Rowell Caduan, left, and Ferdie De La Torre during the first quarter of their game in the Tan Holdings caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

McDonald's supports NMC Foundation golf tourney

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McDonald's turned over its \$5,000 donation for the 2014 NMC Foundation Open Golf Tournament during a brief ceremony yesterday at the restaurant's main branch in Middle Road.

"We're happy to be part of this tournament and support the NMC Foundation. We're glad to help the college in its

effort to provide our youth access to higher education," McDonald's Joe Ayuyu Jr. said after the donation presentation to NMC Foundation and NMC officials.

NMC Foundation is the non-profit arm of the college, raising funds through donations and hosting of events to help continue the operation of the school. The golf tournament is one of the fundraising events and this year's competition will be held on June 28 on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

Mable Ayuyu echoed his brother's sentiments, saying it is very important to get a college degree to prepare future leaders of the CNMI and McDonald's and other members of the business community can help realize that goal by supporting the foundation and the college's activities.

McDonald's owner and president Joe Ayuyu Sr. joined wife Marcia and his children in the donation turnover ceremony yesterday and called on other businesses and fellow golfers to take

part in next week's tournament.

"We challenge other companies to follow McDonald's lead. Let's support the college. A little sacrifice, like passing on a lunch date, will help the college raise fund to continue its operation," added.

NMC Foundation president Bill Santos received the donation and was joined in the check presentation by NMC acting president Dave Attao, Richard Villagomez, Floyd Masga, Jackie Che, and Tracy Guerrero.

"On behalf of the NMC Foundation, we are deeply grateful to McDonald's and the Ayuyu family for their generous donation. As you know, the foundation is the non-profit arm of the NMC and all its investment will go to the college and eventually to our students, who will be our future leaders and can help make the Commonwealth a better place to live in," Santos said.

Meanwhile, entrance fee in the golf tournament is only \$95 and players can choose to enter in six different flights: Championship, A, B, C, Seniors, and Ladies.

To register or for more information, contact Villagomez at 234-5498 ext. 6780 or email richard.villagomez@marianas.edu.



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McDonald's Joe Ayuyu Jr., sixth from left, hands the ceremonial check to NMC Foundation president Bill Santos, seventh from left, during the donation turnover ceremony for the 2014 NMC Foundation Open Golf Tournament at McDonald's Middle Road. Also in the photo are McDonald's and NMC officials.

Frances Sablan is SGA May Ace Silver Streak Fun Run tomorrow

Saipan Golfers Association's lone female member, Frances Sablan, won the club's May Ace of the Month Tournament held last May 25 at the Mariana Country Club.

Sablan shot a net score of 72, while Jess Castro and Tony De Leon Guerrero finished second and third. She joins SGA's monthly winners Nick Sablan

(January), James Nelson (February), Alex Tudela (March), and Das Krishnan (April) for the yearend Ace of Aces tourney.

In the closest to the pin competition, Norman Tenorio topped hole No. 6, while Steve Balakrishna and Rick Kautz were without peer in holes No. 8 and 12, respectively. Sablan

also pulled out a winner in hole No. 16.

In the longest drives, Martin Sablan and Kautz out-distanced everyone in holes No. 2 and 11.

Our SGA June Ace of the Month Tournament is scheduled this Sunday, June 22, at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Course. Tee time is at 10am with a show time at 9am. *(Saipan Tribune)*

The 21st Annual Tom Picarro Memorial Fun Run, or also known as Silver Streak Fun Run, will be held this Saturday with race time set for 6am.

Registration starts at 5am with participants allowed to enter either the 4.2-mile or 1.8-mile race. The longer course will be from DFS Galleria to Quarter-

master tank and back, while the shooter distance will be from DFS Galleria to the Fishermen Monument and back.

First place winners (men and women) in each course and age group will receive prizes. The age categories are as follows: U12, U19, 20 to 30, 31 to 40, 41 to 50, 51 to

60, and over 61.

Registration fee is only \$10 and sign up can be made at DFS Galleria from 10:30am-10:30pm at the Foreign Currency Exchange Center. The first 100 finishers will receive T-shirts. For more information, call Ben Babauta 236-2563 or 483-2563. *(PR)*

Emon Lodge masters caging meeting today

Emon Lodge No. 179 will be organizing a masters basketball league and has called on teams interested in joining the competition to send representatives to a meeting set today, June 20, 7pm at the San Juvi Restaurant.

The new league is open only to players in the 40-and-above age group and will kick off on June 30 2014 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Interested teams are allowed

to have only 12 players on their roster. Squads must also pay the \$500 entrance fee, inclusive of team uniforms. Representatives/coaches of participating teams are asked to list the complete names of their players and their chosen jersey numbers. Teams should also provide organizers with a photocopy of registration and waiver forms filled up by each player.

Game schedule and other

details of the league will be discussed during today's meeting.

Registration forms for interested teams will be distributed on this meeting schedule on a first-come, first-serve basis only.

For more information, contact Bong Malasarte at 287-5525, Peter Crisostomo at 483-2356, Jun Eslaban at 989-8771, and Abner Venus at 888-3215. *(Saipan Tribune)*

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only two players on Flip Top's side to score in twin digits. Jake Quitugua, the hero of their 70-69 upset over Gwap Gang, had 10 quiet points with his baskets scattered, as he had limited touches. The rest of Flip Top players contributed no more than 5 points each.

In contrast, I Love Saipan drew double figures from four

different players and four others combined for 26 points. Mike Olaitiman paced I Love Saipan with 25 markers.

First Game

I Love Saipan 114 — M. Olaitiman 25, Sharry 21, Capalad 17, Pelisamen 11, Aldan 9, Ruluked 8, J. Olaitiman 5, R. Olopai 4.

Flip Top 61 — Pagarao 27, Quitugua 10, Barbo 5, Sablan 4, Isip 3, Jung 2.

Scoring by quarters: 24-13, 50-32, 73-49, 114-61.

Second Game

Ali'i 74 — Devero 18, De Dios 11, Mendoza 11, Peredo 10, Demapan 8, Mateo 5, Hernandez 4, De Leon 3, Velasco 2.

Gwap Gang 68 — Deleon Guerrero 14, Fitial 14, Rabasto 11, Vertudez 7, Dela Rosa 6, Darag 4, Sacramento 3, Ito 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-10, 39-22, 53-47, 74-68.

SPAIN'S

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keeper at Real Madrid and a glaring error in its Champions League final win last month.

Spain came to Brazil with a very similar—but older—team to the 2010 squad. They added Brazilian-born striker Diego Costa, but he failed to score and was substituted in both matches.

Spain's "tiki-taka" style of play keeping the ball for long stretches with short passes, and only shooting when you had a clear opening—had not been working as well in recent years. Brazil defeated Spain 3-0 in last summer's Confederations Cup final, a warm-up for the World Cup.

Spain became the third straight European defending World Cup champion to flop in the group stage. France in 2002 and Italy four years ago also failed to advance, or even win a match.

Netherlands 3, Australia 2

In Puerto Alegre, Brazil, Louis van Gaal can pinpoint the moment he knew his Netherlands team would be able to hold off Australia and secure the win that ultimately put the Oranje through to the knockout rounds of the World Cup.

With just over 20 minutes to go in a frantic, seesawing match, Australia missed a golden chance to take a 3-2 lead.

Sitting on the bench, van Gaal saw that as the sign and turned to his assistant coaches to tell them.

"I said to Patrick Kluivert and Danny Blind, 'We're going to win this match because if they miss that kind of chance, we will score the goal.'"

Seconds later, he was proved right. From the very next attack, substitute Memphis Depay drove a swerving, speculative shot toward the goal from 25 yards. Australian goalkeeper Maty Ryan didn't sight it early enough and the ball shot past his outstretched right hand.

Croatia 4, Cameroon 0

In Manaus, Brazil, like any good goal scorer, Mario Mandzukic was in the right place at the right time.

Twice.

The Croatia striker returned from suspension Wednesday and scored the final two goals in a 4-0 World Cup rout of an undermanned and somewhat out of control Cameroon.

"I was well prepared and had more time to prepare because I missed the first game. I had some extra training," said Mandzukic, who got a red card in the playoffs and missed the opening match. "I don't want to think too much about goals. We wanted to win, and the goals came as a reward."

Cameroon started the Group A match without the injured Sameul Eto'o, and finished it without midfielder Alex Song. With the score only 1-0, Song was given a red card in the 40th minute for elbowing Mandzukic in the back in an off-the-ball incident.



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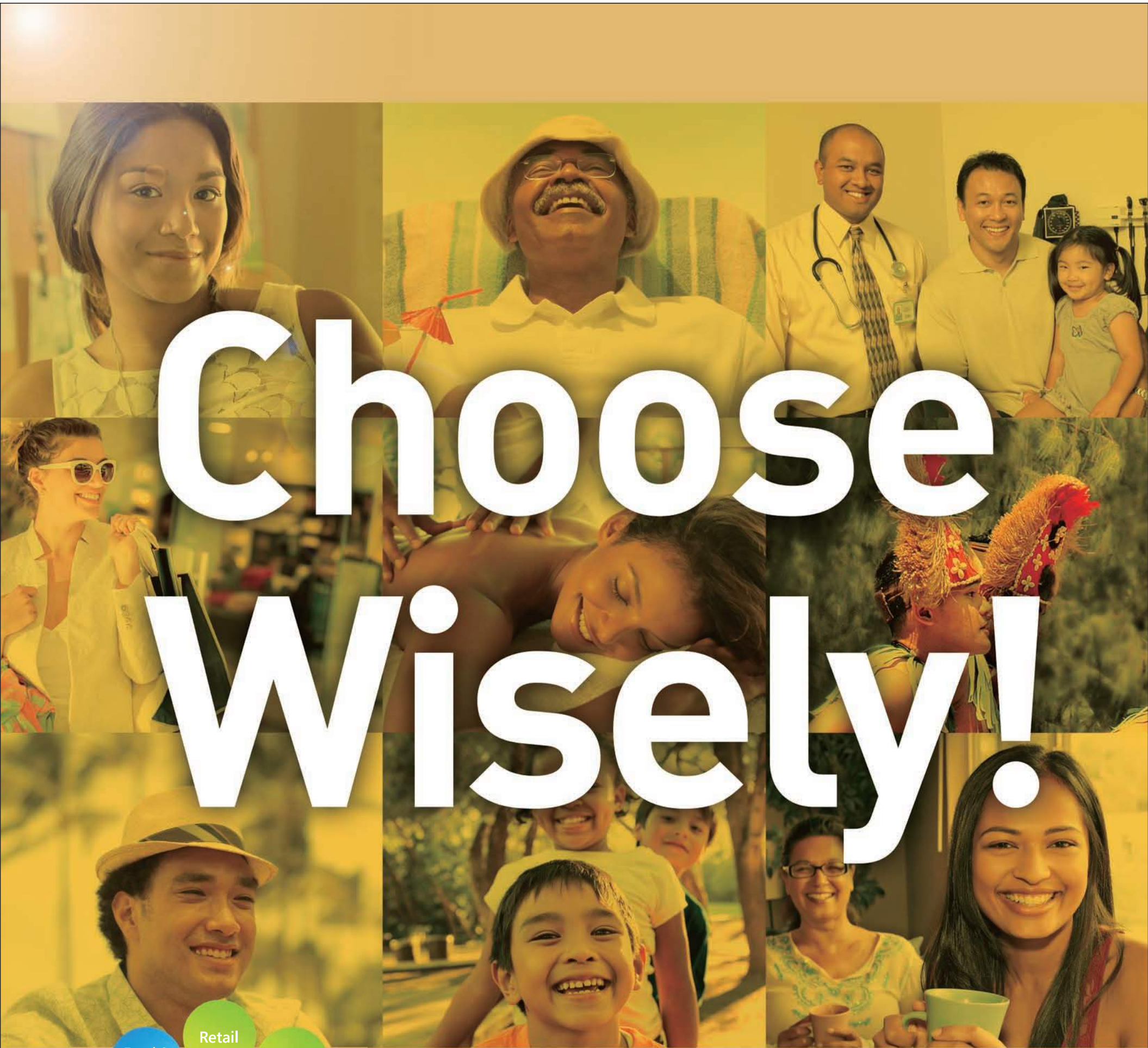
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Ali'i vs I Love Saipan in DLX finals

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Ali'i and I Love Saipan forged a title showdown in the 2014 DLX/IT&E Invitational Basketball League after beating separate foes last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.



I Love Saipan hammered Flip Top in the curtain raiser, 114-61, to clinch the first finals seat, while Ali'i bagged the second and last one, following a 74-68 triumph over Gwap Gang. The winner-take-all finals will be held tomorrow night at 8pm after the consolation match between Flip Top and Gwap Gang.

Ali'i weathered Gwap Gang's third-quarter storm and played steady in the fourth quarter to advance to the finals. Ali'i threatened to pull away early in the second half after building a 44-26 advantage, but Gwap Gang fought back with a 19-4 scoring run in the next six minutes of the third period. Sean Rabasto, who came in for the foul troubled Rodney Sacramento, led the rally, drilling three triples with his third one cutting the deficit to three, 45-48. Raymond Velasco and Errol Peredo nailed the two field goals in Ali'i offensive breakdown and the former went on to add 3 more points in the closing seconds of the third period to give his team more breathing room, 53-47, going into the final canto.

Ivan Devero then opened the fourth quarter with 4 straight points to bring the lead back to twin digits and Ali'i hung in there to foul Gwap Gang's repeated comeback bids. Gwap Gang moved to

within 6 in the final one minute of the match off Lester Vertudez's triple, 64-70, but Kobe Mendoza caught the opposing team's defense napping and made a point-blank shot off Peredo's inbound pass to seal the win for Ali'i.

Ali'i forced Gwap Gang to play catch up all night after earning an early double-digit spread after the first period, 20-10. Devero anchored Ali'i's good start, matching Gwap Gang's total production in the first quarter. He finished with a game-high 18 points to lead three other Ali'i players in double figures.

In the first game, I Love Saipan was on target from downtown and broke Flip Top's back in the fourth quarter for the most lopsided win this season.

Despite enjoying a big 73-49 advantage, I Love Saipan showed no mercy to Flip Top in the fourth quarter, exploding for 41 big points, 18 of them came from 3-point shots. I Love Saipan earlier drained seven triples in the first half to dictate the tempo of the game.

Flip Top failed to make a counterattack against I Love Saipan, as the former's offense became too predictable with Lerio Pagarao almost always having the ball on his hands. Pagarao was one of

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Ali'i Kobe Mendoza drives and draws a foul on Gwap Gang's Mike Ito during their playoff game in the DLX /IT&E caging last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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AP SPORTS WRITER



RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—With its superstars aging and its loyal coach slow to blend in young talent, Spain's glorious reign as the superpower of world football was bound to end.

The Spanish weren't favored to repeat as World Cup champions. But few expected the utter collapse that ended Wednesday with a 2-0 loss Chile, knocking Spain from contention and ending the run of the greatest team of the century.

Chile's pace and skill produced a dominating win similar to so many Spanish victories over the past six years. Spain was outplayed, out-run and out-fought.

The 5-1 beating by the Netherlands Friday was shocking and foretold where coach Vicente del Bosque's team was heading: Home.

"If you think about every-

thing accomplished, and you told me we would be eliminated in group stage, I wouldn't believe you," del Bosque said.

"We have no excuses. It's a sad day for all of the players."

Six of Spain's squad has played at least 100 national team games while winning the 2010 World Cup and the European Championships in 2008 and 2012.

"Success is not eternal," said Chile coach Jorge Sampaoli, whose hyperactive energy around the dugout was shared by his team. "This generation could not continue with that success and you can understand it."

"It's very special the fact we were able to play today against the World Cup champions the way we did," Sampaoli said, and "eliminate them with courage, intensity and attack."

Del Bosque acknowledged that his players were "too slow, timid from the start."

Chile twice came close to scoring in the first 90 seconds, and led in the 20th minute when Eduardo Vargas finished a slick move of incisive passing that was truly Spanish in its execution.

The second followed in the

Spain's World Cup reign ended by 2-0 loss to Chile

43th when Spain goalkeeper Iker Casillas punched a free kick to the feet of Charles Aranguiz, who fired a rising

shot right back past the veteran captain, who took much of the blame for the loss to the Netherlands.

"I only ask fans for forgiveness, we did everything we could," said Casillas. The 33-year-old came to the World

Cup after a second straight season as second-choice goal-

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WORLD CUP 2014 FEVER

QUESTIONS: How many FIFA World Cup finals have been played?

MECHANICS: 1 The first 5 persons to give correct answers will get prizes from SSS. 2 Winners are allowed to win only once a week. All age groups are eligible to join. 3 Answers can be sent via Facebook (@Saipan SoccerSchool) or Twitter (@SpnSoccerSchool). 4 Winners will be contacted through Facebook and Twitter. Prizes can be claimed at the SSS office at the JP Centre on Beach Road, from 9am to 10am every Thursday (for Wednesday issue) and Monday (for Friday issue).

WORLD CUP 2014 BRACKET LAYOUT

TAKE YOUR PICK: In addition to its trivia contest, SSS will give prizes to individuals who can guess the teams that will advance to the semifinals and finals of the World Cup 2014. More details to follow.

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D	GROUP E	GROUP F	GROUP G	GROUP H
BRAZIL	SPAIN	COLOMBIA	URUGUAY	SWITZERLAND	ARGENTINA	GERMANY	BELGIUM
CROATIA	NETHERLANDS	GREECE	COSTA RICA	ECUADOR	BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	PORTUGAL	ALGERIA
MEXICO	CHILE	CÔTE D'IVOIRE	ENGLAND	FRANCE	IRAN	GHANA	RUSSIA
CAMEROON	AUSTRALIA	JAPAN	ITALY	HONDURAS	NIGERIA	USA	KOREA